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## WEEK AHEAD

### Thursday, March 3

Three Michigan residents who recently have returned from visits to the West Bank and Gaza Strip will be guest speakers at the Pointes for Peace public meeting at St. Clare of Montefalco Roman Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732 or Mary Read at (313) 822-2702, or e-mail [pointesforpeace@yahoo.com](mailto:pointesforpeace@yahoo.com).

### Friday, March 4

Private and parochial school students who wish to enroll at Grosse Pointe North High School for the 2005-06 school year should attend an enrollment session at 1 p.m. in the North cafeteria.

Students should bring a copy of their birth certificates, updated immunization forms and their Social Security numbers.

"Noye's Fludde," a family-friendly opera by Benjamin Britten, will be presented at Christ Church Grosse Pointe at 7:30 p.m.

Additional performances will be held on Saturday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, March 6, at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children, students and groups.

For more information, call Kathie Anslow at (313) 885-5463 or Frederic DeHaven at (313) 885-4841, ext. 102, or e-mail [kanslow@abglobal.net](mailto:kanslow@abglobal.net).

### Saturday, March 5

Child development experts will speak on a variety of topics at a Family Center parenting symposium from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Barnes Early Childhood Center.

The fee is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. To make a reservation, call (313) 432-3832.

### Monday, March 7

The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meets at the Farms city hall at 7 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at the Woods city hall at 7:30 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets in the Wicking Library at Grosse Pointe South High School at 8 p.m.



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Pink and green sweaters in Bill Huntington's Hickey's (Walton Pierce) clothing store offer a rare chance of color in the Village during this week's snow storm.

## Teachers approve contract

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe's public school teachers overwhelmingly approved a three-year contract on Monday, Feb. 28, to include a small salary increase, health care cost containment and a streamlined calendar. The board of education will be presented with the contract during a March board meeting.

Rosalie Bryk was pleased with the contract. As president of Grosse Pointe Education Association MEA-NEA Local 1, she said, "It's wonderful."

Approved by a 5-to-1 margin, the contract will expire in July 2007.

"I'm pleased that the teachers reaffirmed the negotiating team's decision. I'm pleased they reaffirmed support in the leadership. It was a long

road, but in the end we came to a meeting of the minds."

"I'm thrilled," said board president Joan Richardson about the teachers' contract acceptance.

"It's a good contract for the teachers. It's a good contract for the district and for the taxpayers. We would have loved to have provided more (but in) these times, it's not possible. (However) it's workable for everyone with the financial constraints."

She said she was looking forward to publicly approving the three-year contract.

The salary increase amounts to 1 percent on schedule and 1 percent off schedule in the first year. Teachers will receive a 2 percent raise in each of the succeeding years.

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## Village merchants to have more say in district operations

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

The free ride is almost over for Village business owners who benefit from merchant-sponsored campaigns to market the commercial district but don't belly up to pay.

Members of the City of Grosse Pointe council this week resolved to designate the Village a principal shopping district (PSD) complete with a separate governing board authorized to recommend special assessments up to \$10,000 per business annually.

Each year the maximum allowable assessment would be adjusted in line with the Detroit consumer price index as reported by the Department of Labor.

Assessments will amount to a self-imposed tax but require council approval.

Money must be used to promote economic activity in the three-block downtown shopping district.

Permitted activities range from market research and public relations to improving streets and funding free parking.

Board members could use assessment money to plant trees and bushes, erect ornamental streetlights, even buy a building, tear it down and construct a replacement.

"For the past couple of years the Village (Merchants) Association and I have been discussing the merits of creating a principal shopping district for the Village," said Mike Overton, city manager. "The time has come to move forward with implementation."

"It's becoming increasingly difficult to put on events and raise money," said Ellen Durand, head of the 60-member business association.

"We feel this is a necessary step in securing the future of the Village. We have to self-promote. This is

one way of doing it."

Overton said a PSD would eliminate the "free rider effect" in which some business owners don't help fund activities, events and improvements to the district, yet benefit when neighboring business owners do so.

"When you want a holiday advertising campaign, most merchants in the Village participate to buy billboards, air time or what have you," Overton said.

Some people won't ante up.

"Under a PSD, the board can literally vote to disburse that cost through a special assessment across all merchants in the Village," Overton said. "It spreads the cost and makes it more equitable."

Overton said fees would apply to individual businesses, be collected through property owners and accounted for in a separate city fund.

Although a fee structure hasn't been decided, merchants would be charged equally based on such variables as square-footage and location.

"(The board) can say someone on a second floor should pay less than those on the first floor because they don't benefit as directly as someone on the first floor," Overton said.

As proposed, the board would have seven members serving four-year terms. Terms will be staggered initially from one to four years. Thereafter, board members will serve terms set at four years each.

One member will be a city representative.

A second member will be a resident of the district's adjacent residential area. The rest shall be nominated by business representatives operating within the district.

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## Hockey snowman

What do Grosse Pointe Hockey Association kids do when there's no NHL hockey to watch?

They build an 8 foot, 5-inch hockey snowman. From left, are Max Steiner, Pee Wee Mustangs; Michael Steiner, student coach, Pee Wee Mustangs; James Counsman, '95 Bulldogs; Paige Counsman, U-14 Lady Bulldogs; and Ethan Steiner, student coach, Pee Wee Mustangs.

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

### Dr. Donald Austin

Home: G. P. City

Age: 71

Family: Wife, Dale; four grown children, Donald Jr., Sheryl, April and Jeffrey; grandfather of five

Occupation: Semi-retired neurosurgeon

Quote: "Young people who want to go into the medical profession today should be certain it is their greatest desire. It's long, hard, rigorous work to become a doctor."

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Dr. Donald Austin

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## yesterday's headlines

## 50 years ago this week

■ Although finishing touches have yet to be completed, the new combined auditorium-gymnasium added to Grosse Pointe High School is dedicated amid pomp and ceremony.

Construction is expected to be complete by mid-April.

■ Lynn Bartlett of the City of Grosse Pointe is picked at the Michigan Democrat convention in Grand Rapids to be the Democrat candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Bartlett serves as director of pupil personnel for the Grosse Pointe school district.

■ With the cutting of a huge, golden birthday cake, Grosse Pointe Rotarians begin a series of events celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Rotary Club movement.

To honor the occasion, charter president Finlan Henk is invited to cut the cake.

Finlan was the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club's first president in 1937.

## 25 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe's coming cable television system is expected to promise the ability and equipment for cities to have their own mini-network complete with possibilities for live news coverage, entertainment and educational programming.

Grosse Pointe Cable is expected to string its first strand in mid-March. When the system is completed, subscribers can expect a 29-

channel system for a basic charge of \$7.50 per month.

■ A reversal of course by Grosse Pointe Woods council members means the drawbridge at Lakefront Park won't be removed in response to continuing problems with low clearance due to high lake levels.

The change of heart may jeopardize access to 156 boat moorings — half the park's capacity — with this year's coming high water.

■ Grosse Pointe Shores trustees give the OK to purchase a new ambulance, turning down an offer from Grosse Pointe Woods public safety to provide the village with emergency medical service for six months at a cost of \$9,750.

"I don't think Grosse Pointe Woods should control our destiny," says Shores Public Safety Director Joseph Vitale.

Five Shores officers are training to become emergency medical technicians. Five more officers are scheduled for training this summer.

## 10 years ago this week

■ Voters in Grosse Pointe Shores will be asked in May to approve a \$2.7 million bond to finance separation of the village sewer system.

Separating the sewers would send storm water directly into Lake St. Clair, while only sanitary waste will flow to a Detroit treatment plant.

In addition to complying in advance with possible state environmental regulations, a separated system

will eliminate the cost of paying Detroit to treat rainwater.

■ Young Clothes in the Village district of the City of Grosse Pointe celebrates a half-century of business.

When founded 50 years ago, Young Clothes was located on the Hill in the Farms.

■ While communities across the state are under pressure to recycle aerosol cans, the Grosse Pointes (except the Woods) and Harper Woods join forces to put a recycling program under way.

Grosse Pointe Woods is using its own contractor and is lagging six months behind its neighbors.

## 5 years ago this week

■ Short of a rain dance, there's little anyone can do to reverse the declining water level of Lake St. Clair.

Like the hydrological equivalent of a bear market, the lake has fallen four feet from its modern high set nearly 15 years ago.

"I wouldn't be surprised if it fell another 2 1/2 feet," says Frank Quinn, senior research hydrologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

■ The Grosse Pointe Artists' Association's first art fair to be held somewhere other than the Grosse Pointe War Memorial will be located this summer in a parking lot behind stores on Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair.

"When we held the fair in the War Memorial parking

## 50 years ago this week



## Tuxis Club's annual variety show opens tonight

Mrs. A.J. Simon helps put final touches to some of the costumes to be seen in the Tuxis Club's big production, "Front 'n Center," which plays tonight, tomorrow and Saturday nights in the Parcels Junior High School auditorium. Others pictured are, from left, Anne Wells, Mary Jo. Giroux, Peggy McKibbin and Emmy Lutton. Word has leaked out from those who saw the dress rehearsal that the show looks like a smash hit. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the March 3, 1955, Grosse Pointe News.)

lot there wasn't a lot of room for patrons to park," explains Chuck Bigelow, association president.

■ Chip Davis of the City of Grosse Pointe and other

actors with the Grosse Pointe Theatre make final preparations for their next production of the season, "Seven Keys to Baldpate," at the Grosse Pointe War

Memorial Auditorium. The melodramatic farce features plenty of villains and an adventuress or two.

— Brad Lindberg

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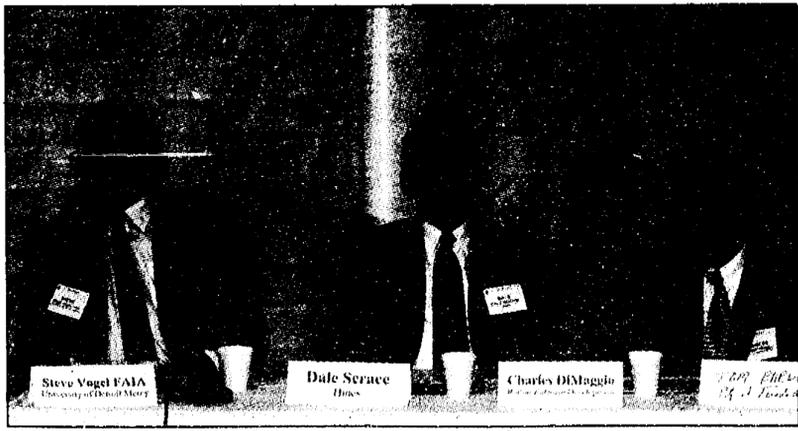
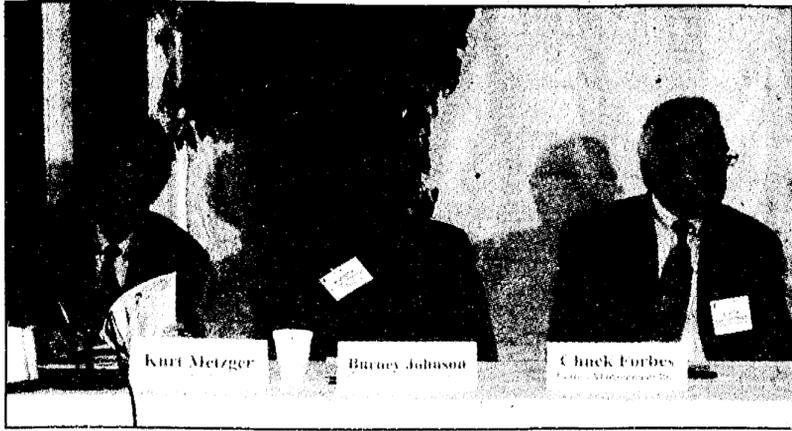
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Panelists on the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe/American Institute of Architecture-Detroit Chapter smart growth forum included Kurt Metzger, research director of the Center for Urban Studies at Wayne State University; Burney Johnson, planning and development director with the City of Detroit; Chuck Forbes of Forbes Management Inc., left; and Steve Vogel, dean of architecture at University of Detroit-Mercy; Dale Scrace, mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe and construction manager for Hines Inc.; and Charles DiMaggio, vice president of project management for Burton Katzman Inc., right. Ferndale City Manager Tom Barwin is not pictured.

## Scholars, developers, civic leaders grow smarter

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

As the Grosse Pointes deal with the effects of the changing population, demographics, job and lifestyle trends, should they start thinking about changing and adapting new ideas on a regional basis instead of locally?

Some think so. Last week, a variety of experts convened at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial to talk about smart growth at a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe (LWVGP) and the Detroit chapter of the American Institute of Architecture (AIA). Together the two groups brought together a number of people who have been engaged in a number of smart growth issues.

- On the forum panel were:
- Kurt Metzger, research director of the Center for Urban Studies at Wayne State University;
- Burney Johnson, planning and development director with the City of Detroit;
- Chuck Forbes of Forbes Management Inc.;
- Steve Vogel, dean of architecture at University of Detroit-Mercy;
- Charles DiMaggio, vice president of project management for Burton Katzman Inc.;
- Tom Barwin, city manager of Ferndale;
- and Dale Scrace, mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe and construction manager for Hines Inc.

Taking a look at urban sprawl and smart growth has been a key area of emphasis at the state level of the LWV according to LWVGP president Judy Morlan.

"We have strong positions on land use and wise growth," Morlan said. "The inner ring suburbs, such as the Grosse Pointes, play an important role in all of this."

To address this issue, the LWVGP called upon the AIA to pull together a forum on smart growth.

"By providing choices through good ideas for education, transportation, recreation and employment opportunities, we can help support residents at different stages in their lives," said Beth Yorke, AIA Detroit chapter president.

### Detroit's sprawling history

Many of the panelists stated that the City of Detroit saw its most rapid growth in the first half of the 20th century, hitting its peak at 1950. A number of phenomena took place after 1950 that encouraged growth outside of the center of the city.

"During World War II, Detroit was considered the arsenal of the world," Vogel said. "But when the federal government realized one atomic bomb could take out a city, it promoted tax incentives to decentralize."

Metzger added: "After World War II, the federal government made a lot of home loans to the returning veterans, but made them in the suburbs."

Vogel further stated:

"When jobs moved and the freeways were created, which used to be the defense troops across the nation, and when you couple that with racism, that's how we've gotten decentralized."

According to Metzger, Detroit's housing stock hit its peak in 1960. Today, he said municipalities in the area are issuing building permits at 1 1/2 times the number of households with only 2 percent of those residences being built in the City of Detroit.

"We are building so many homes we can't fill," Metzger said. "We're vacating the urban core."

Metzger noted the most rapid growth is now taking place in Macomb County in areas such as Shelby and Macomb townships.

Not only is new housing stretching out to suburbs, but so are the jobs. Metzger pointed to a 2000 Census statistic which stated 73 percent of the people in the metropolitan Detroit area commute from suburb to suburb. He also mentioned that Census figures demonstrated the Detroit area has the second biggest economic segregation gap at 54 percent, just behind Hartford, Conn.

In addition to sprawl, Metzger said the Detroit area has suffered from a youth exodus since 1990, with many young adults moving to such places as Chicago and Seattle.

"From April 1990 to July 1999, 199,465 people left Michigan and 263,000 left Wayne County. Wayne County lost more people than the state did as a whole," Metzger said.

Metzger did, however, point out that Michigan has benefited from an immigration of Asians, many of them between 25 and 34 years old with college degrees.

Metzger also pointed out that of the two cities in Wayne County that experienced population growth in the 1990s — Dearborn and Hamtramck — increased their numbers by way of people from Serbia, Bosnia, Yeman and Arab nations.

Vogel also stated he was hopeful immigration could provide the infill for the core of the metropolitan Detroit area.

"I believe the Eight Mile (Road) divide is too deep; there are too many bad feelings," Vogel said. "If we try to back to the growth mode, people would have to come from other places — Asia, South America and the Middle East. We have to open our eyes to that possibility."

### Smart growth in three cities

The forum participants representing cities of Grosse Pointe, Detroit and Ferndale each shared their histories and what they've done in spite of being the city core and inner ring suburb remnants of urban sprawl.

"We reorganized and improved our organization, we worked hard to fix our business practices, and we partnered with relative

stake holders," Johnson said of redevelopment efforts being led in Detroit.

Johnson also spoke at length of a number of development projects currently underway in Detroit. Some of those redevelopment projects include 300 single-family houses in Jefferson Village, 77 market-rate townhouses in East English Village, 126 condominium townhouses at Heritage at Riverfront, and duplex residences in Morningside Commons, all of which are located just outside of the Grosse Pointes. She also said Detroit is yet to embark on another near-Grosse Pointe project, the Fox Creek Neighborhood, which will be comprised of 1,700 units of single-family houses, multiple-unit dwellings and retail stores within a 140-acre area.

Johnson also spoke of other redevelopment projects along the riverfront in the core of the city that incorporated the reuse of downtown buildings for retail, offices and loft apartments.

"We believe smart growth begins with the revitalization of the core of the city," Johnson said.

Chuck Forbes, president of Forbes Management Inc., which has invested in about 40 properties in the downtown area, agreed.

"We need to bring young people into downtown," Forbes said, noting that today's adults are waiting longer to marry and start families and have 10 years on average to enjoy the cosmopolitan lifestyle downtown living has to offer.

While Scrace said the City did not have to deal with filling in cornfield farms in vacant urban lots, it has been dealing with a problem that differs from most inner-ring suburbs: the loss of a 110,000-square-foot retailer in a vibrant retail community.

Scrace chronicled the steps his city council took after Jacobson's went bankrupt in 2002 and created a block long hole in its three-block Village shopping district. The council rewrote its Village building ordinance code, updated its city master plan, created a mission

## Park expects \$79K in federal block grants

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

As Wayne County prepares to dole out Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, Grosse Pointe Park is expecting to receive \$79,000, similar to last year.

"It's about the same amount as we received last year," said Chris Reimel, the Park's CDBG administrator. "About \$39,000 of that will be used for infrastructure repairs. We're waiting for a report on what kinds of repairs we'll have to make. The ADA compliance for city hall will be a handicap ramp in the front that goes all the way to the curb." The remainder of the pro-

posed funds will go toward Services for Older Citizens (SOC) for its minor home repair, case coordination and Meals on Wheels.

According to SOC, it served 795 Park residents during 2004. Of those residents, 278 of them took advantage of its minor home repair program. SOC also delivered 3,782 meals to Park seniors.

The CDBG program provides funds for decent housing and a suitable living environment and to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. Funds originate from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

statement for the Village and hired a consultant to assess the retail needs for the Village and the community. "As we were putting these things together, we were already employing smart growth techniques," Scrace said.

Even though it has been 2 1/2 years since Jacobson's has created a big hole that still has not been filled in the one-square-mile city, Scrace said, "We're very excited about the future of the Village and the City. We expect the developers will be in very soon with plans for the Jacobson's building. We look forward to an open and public preview. This type of decision has a generational impact."

However, DiMaggio, whose firm is involved in the redevelopment of the former Jacobson's buildings in Birmingham and Dearborn, warned that many efforts by local planners can actually hamper smart growth and development. "There are three important things to think about smart growth from a developer's point of view," DiMaggio said. "First, we need to think of time as a non-renewable resource. Typically, it takes two to four years to obtain various approvals and permits. That's the reality of any project we undertake."

"Second, serving on a planning committee requires education. The one thing all of these governing bodies have in common is that they're run by lay people who do not receive training in what the duties and obligations are on those boards. We need to do a much better job in educating them in how land is used and developed."

"Third, we have to think outside of the home rule box. There's a great deal of home rule that tends to micro-manage every detail of the building process. We (developers) have to show them the color of the brick and mortar we're going to use; the types of shingles and the color of the shingles, and the number of trees and shrubs and the types of trees and shrubs. There's a great deal of regulation, but no one's looking at the region as a

whole."

Another inner-ring suburb, Ferndale, has had and has overcome bigger obstacles than the City. In the past 20 years, it has driven an X-rated movie house and a massage/prostitution parlor (located across the street from its police station) out of town. Its voters asked for and approved a \$45 million bond referendum to improve its sewers and streets. Its once-downtrodden downtown is now 100 percent occupied with chic and trendy stores and restaurants.

It also knows it has to maintain the vitality it has worked so hard to restore.

"We began to look outside of our community," Barwin said. "We knew our fate rested on the fate of our region. Our council is trying to lead the way in reforming a metropolitan planning organization. We need to coordinate and make sure everything fits. We can't afford waste."

Aside from working with other communities, Barwin believes another key to maintaining Ferndale's vitality and creating growth in other communities is mass transit development. "There's a huge pot of money that sits on the table in Washington, D.C.: It's the federal Mass Transportation Fund," Barwin said. "Three cents of every gallon of gas

we buy goes to this fund, and where is it going? Salt Lake City, Seattle, St. Louis. We're leaving \$100 million on the table in D.C. When our council found out about that, they went ballistic."

One such idea Barwin has for the region is to develop a mass transportation system that extends from Detroit Metropolitan Airport to downtown Detroit and the suburbs.

But that, of course, would require some effort upon a metropolitan planning organization.

### Parting comments

In the end, Morlan said: "What surprised me the most was the strong support for mass transit."

Grosse Pointe Woods Councilman Allen Dickinson, who attended the smart growth forum, told his council: "(Two) of the most disturbing things mentioned were that we're building new homes at 1 1/2 times the rate necessary and that the most growth is taking place in Macomb County. It's a disturbing thing, and we must pay heed to it."

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe/American Institute of Architecture -Detroit Chapter smart growth forum will be aired on Comcast Cable Channel 22 through the week each day at 8 p.m.

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# Semi-retired doctor turns to philanthropy, writing

By Margie Reins Smith  
Assistant Editor

Back in the 1950s, Dr. Donald Austin's high school friends gave him a nickname. They called him "Doc." Austin's grandfather and his father were doctors.

"My father was the town doctor in a little town in southern Indiana — Ellettsville," Austin said. "Population 700. His office was in our home. He was also the editor and co-owner of the Ellettsville Journal, the town's weekly newspaper. Unfortunately, my father died when I was 7.

"After he died, I used to play with his medical instruments and medications. I put bugs to sleep with ether. I tried to graft a grasshopper's leg back on its body — which, by the way, was unsuccessful."

Austin, 71, a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, is a neurosurgeon specializing in the brain, the spinal cord and their peripheral nerves. He is semi-retired. He gave up surgery a few years ago, but still sees patients in the mornings, every day of the week. He's an associate professor at Wayne State University's Medical School. And he's the author of seven books.

"I like working half days. Since I don't do surgery, I have more time to talk to patients. I can really get to know each person and talk about everyday activities. I used to have only 20 minutes for each patient. Now I have a half hour or longer. I can explain more, do more."

In the last 15 years, Austin and his wife, Dale Austin, have focused much of their collective energy on philanthropy.

"We're a team," he said. "Dale does more, because she has the time, but we're a team." He rattled off a dozen charitable organizations they actively support with money and time: the Detroit Historical Museum, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Salvation Army (SA), Michigan Opera Theatre and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. They're also active in their church.

"The Salvation Army is our favorite," he said. He now serves on the SA's advisory board and on a subcommittee for the Harbor Light Corps in Detroit; Dale Austin was recently named emeritus member of the advisory board. She has been on the Salvation Army's board for more than 30 years. Both Austins have received the Salvation Army's highest honor, the William Booth Award.

The Austin team has also received the Excalibur Award, given by the American Cancer Society,

## POINTER OF INTEREST



Photo by Margie Reins Smith

"Trials and Tribulations" by Dr. Donald Austin of the City of Grosse Pointe, is an account of his experiences as an expert witness in medical malpractice cases.

"Some patients have been seriously hurt," he said. "They need support."

and the Corps Vitae Award from the American Heart Association.

They established the Dale and Donald C. Austin, M.D. Endowed Professorial chair for Neurosurgical Research — Wayne State Medical School and Karmanos Cancer Institute.

They've also been active fundraisers for the March of Dimes, the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association, the Karmanos Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, and dozens of professional organizations.

Both Austins have been members of the Distinguished Clown Corps, a group of people who donate \$2,000 apiece to march in Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Austin has been marching in the parade for the last 10 years.

Healing is still the main job for a physician, however. Like many doctors, Austin has stories of some remarkable patients.

"I remember a young man — he was 3 years old — at Children's Hospital of Michigan. He had a malignant tumor of the brain. He had an operation and radiation therapy."

That was 30 years ago,

when treatment meant radiation to the whole brain. "The boy was a bit retarded as a result. His life expectancy was two years at the most.

"I re-operated on him six or seven years ago because of a recurrence," Austin said.

"He's in his 30s now. He has a job. His parents appreciate what has been done for him.

"Writing is my hobby," Austin said. He has written seven books — mostly medical fiction — in the last five years. His eighth, a murder mystery about a doctor who becomes a serial killer, is almost finished.

"I have all these ideas swimming around in my brain; I just write them down."

He dictates his books on weekday afternoons. He puts the tapes in his milk chute and on Sunday evenings, a medical secretary picks the tapes up and transcribes them. She drops off the finished chapters and picks up new tapes from the milk chute the following Sunday.

One of his nonfiction books, "Trials and Tribulations," describes his experiences as an expert witness in cases of medical

malpractice. He started testifying as an expert defense witness in 1970.

"As the years went by, I often knew that a doctor was negligent. I knew some patients who were truly hurt."

Malpractice cases went before the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, which is a private organization that has ethical guidelines for expert witnesses.

When Austin testified for a plaintiff, a victim of malpractice, the medical profession retaliated.

"It made me so mad," he said. "I sued and the case went all the way to the Supreme Court. I wrote this book to tell the story.

"Some patients have been seriously hurt and they need

support. But if you testify against a doctor, you're a pariah. It's becoming a big problem.

"The peer review system is a farce. It's confidential. It's rarely punitive. Doctors are protected. It's just a scheme for judging our own."

Austin was a member of the Michigan Medical Board, which is a different kind of review board. One half is made up of doctors; the other half is appointed by the governor.

The only way to be fair, he said, is for the courts to restrict the ways organizations such as the AANS can attract expert witnesses to testify for patients. Until then, they're moving in the direction of witness tampering.

Austin's other hobbies? He has golfed; he had a power boat for a while. The Austins have traveled to most countries in the world.

"We traveled a great deal when we were younger," he said.

"The medical profession is not as attractive to young people today," he said, "because there is so much government intervention: Medicare, Medicaid, Nicaid (no insurance.) Young people who want to go into the medical profession today should be certain it is their greatest desire.

"It's long, hard, rigorous work to become a doctor. Be sure you want to do it.

"I have no intention of retiring. I love medicine," he said. "After all, I came from a medical family."

## Grosse Pointe Woods eyes property for off-street parking

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

As Grosse Pointe Woods tries to relieve one of its parking pressure points, a local real estate attorney is also doing his part to help.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council acknowledged last week it is in discussions about buying a lot-and-a-half parcel of property in the 1800 block of Beaupre adjacent to the alley and behind two restaurants in the 20500 block of Mack. The council is eyeing the property for a municipal parking lot. The council has met in closed sessions in four of its past seven meetings to discuss the purchase of real property.

"This is an opportunity that was presented to us by the sellers, and we're exploring that right now," city attorney Don Berschback said.

However, before the Woods considers buying the property, it has asked the current owners to move two obstacles out of the way.

The first is to remove a deed restriction from at least 89 houses, or 51 percent of the houses in the Arthur J. Scully's Super-Highway Subdivision No. 3, a subdivision of 175 houses

on Beaufait and Lennon between Mack and Harper in the Woods and Harper Woods.

The deed restriction the Woods has asked to be removed is one that prohibits the building of anything but single-family residential houses in that neighborhood. The deed restrictions were placed on the properties that were developed in 1939.

The Woods is asking that the deed restriction be lifted for the development of only the property it seeks to purchase and for no others.

In order to lift the deed restrictions, a statement must be signed by the homeowner and his or her spouse, regardless whether or not both spouses are named as owners of the property.

The deed restrictions also extend to subdivision residents who live in Harper Woods. They, too, must be willing to lift the deed restriction if a parking lot is to be constructed outside of their city limits.

Ron Barrows, an attorney representing the sellers, is coordinating two groups of people to canvass the subdivision over the next three weekends.

"Indirectly, it will benefit

the subdivision because there will be better access to parking and traffic," Barrows said.

Barrows added that lifting the deed restriction for the Beaupre property adjacent to the alley should not affect property values for those in the subdivision.

Berschback said deed restrictions limiting the types of development within a subdivision or property owner's association are common in the Grosse Pointes.

"There are available condemnation procedures, but they're rather complex," Barrows said.

If Barrows is successful in lifting the deed restrictions, the current property owners must submit to two environmental assessments.

"The city can't do anything until the property is deemed safe," City Administrator Mark Wollenweber said.

For decades, Mack businesses have complained about limited parking facilities. Mack parking is also an issue that is expected to receive much attention in a new master plan currently being finalized by the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission.

## City block grants reduced 11 percent

Federal block grants available this year to the City of Grosse Pointe total nearly 12 percent less than the year before.

The City is slated this year to receive \$68,000 in federal money to be administered through Wayne County officials. The figure amounts to an 11.69 percent reduction from \$77,000 received in 2004.

Pointe officials generally use block grants for community-minded projects such as Services for Older Citizens' minor home repair program,

transportation for senior citizens and making municipal facilities comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

For 2005, City officials propose using grant money to install audible pedestrian signals at two busy intersections near the Village shopping district, playfields and an elementary school. Audible signals help the visually impaired cross through intersections safely.

The intersections are St. Clair and Waterloo and Neff and Chalfonte.

"Especially at Neff and Charlevioix pedestrian signals are desperately needed," said Jean Weipert, coun-

cil member.

According to cost estimates compiled by Brian Vick, assistant city manager, projects will consume \$61,200, leaving a standard 10 percent, or \$6,800, to cover costs of administering improvements.

The City isn't alone in receiving fewer federal block grants than last year.

The Farms' 11.69 percent reduction matches the City's, as does the resulting grant of \$68,000. The Park will see an 11.83 percent drop to \$82,000. The Woods loses most of all with a 12.73 percent reduction to \$94,000.

— Brad Lindberg

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## 3-D computer model to help evaluate Village proposals

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

An interactive computer model of the Village shopping district is being created to give city planners a glimpse of how future developments might look in real life.

In anticipation of construction plans or beautification projects that may be proposed for the three-block stretch of downtown City of Grosse Pointe, municipal officials have released up to \$18,000 for a planning consultant to reduce the district into bits and pieces of mailable virtual reality.

"Developing a three-

dimensional computer model of the Village will help the City review potential impacts of policy decisions as well as proposed developments of the physical character of the Village," said Mike Overton, city manager.

"This is something we started to talk about six months ago," said Mayor Dale Scrace. "It's another tool as we reinvent the Village."

Work has been contracted to McKenna Assoc. of Northville, the City's planning consultants for the last three years.

Phillip McKenna, compa-

ny president, estimated the job will cost between \$13,000 and \$18,000 and take two to three months.

"We would collect information with photographs, floor plans, and Global Information Systems and add depth and shadows to make it more lifelike," McKenna said.

With the stroke of a computer keyboard or click of a mouse, viewers will be afforded everything from close-up ground-level to perspectives to sweeping bird's eye views of proposed changes to the Village.

"You'll be able to walk through it, drive through it

and fly through it," McKenna said. "It gives a bigger context."

The Village, always a focus of activity in the greater Pointe community, has been an even hotter topic during the nearly three years since Jacobson's department store closed in bankruptcy. The two-story building has sat vacant along an entire block of Kercheval.

Within the last year a couple developers have proposed renovating the structure into a mixed development incorporating first-floor retail, second story office space and upper level

living quarters. One developer proposed condominiums reaching six stories tall and providing views of Lake St. Clair.

The computer model will allow concept drawings and other items to be overlaid on the existing streetscape. Such versatility is intended to provide planners something more tangible to evaluate than is contained in conventional site plans and color renderings.

In addition to indicating the outcome of future building projects, software will be written to allow the introduction of incidental images such as street furniture,

plantings, cars, pedestrians and other dashes of real-world perspective.

"You can landscape it or see it at night," McKenna said.

Rob Wood, a City resident and designer of numerous commercial buildings in the Pointes, uses virtual modeling in his business.

"It's invaluable," Wood said. "It keeps you from making huge mistakes. It seems like a small investment for a good tool."

"In my job we use it a lot," said Scrace, an architect. "It gives you what it's going to look like."

## City of Grosse Pointe must replace its voting booths

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

By the end of this year, voters in the City of Grosse Pointe should see a change at the polls.

City officials are going to utilize a state grant to acquire new voting machines that are compatible with units being used at the county level. There will be no cost to the city.

New machines stem from a state law allowing county clerks to mandate the type

of voting equipment used county-wide.

"Although the City's equipment is currently in compliance with the Secretary of State's (2002) selection (of an optical scanning voting system), the Wayne County clerk selected a vendor different from the City's current optical scan system, which requires us to get new equipment," said Julie Arthurs, City clerk.

Action at the state, county

and local level follows Congressional passage of the Help American Vote Act in response to the 2000 presidential election.

Some critics blamed inaccurate presidential vote counts on confusion caused when communities within the same county forwarded to county clerks election results that had been tallied on different types of machines.

The Vote Act is intended to remove at least one vari-

able on Election Day by requiring city clerks within a county to use the same type of voting equipment.

"(The act) requires state and local governments to modernize their elections processes and equipment and also provides funding to help implement the improvements," Arthurs said. "The equipment has to be in place in 2005."

To ease the cost of switching to the county standard, the act provides funds to

pay for new equipment.

In order to qualify for the money, jurisdictions must enter into a grant agreement with the state.

"The grant established the roles and responsibilities of the state, counties and local jurisdictions," Arthurs said.

City council members appointed Arthurs grant manager. She will submit the grant application and serve as point of contact with the state.

Arthurs doesn't want her old voting machines to go to waste.

"I plan to retain our current Accu-Vote equipment for a while after we receive the new equipment," she said. "I am investigating the possibility of using the old equipment as a possible backup system."

Additionally, the old equipment could be sold as backup equipment to other municipalities using similar systems."

## Fees go up 3% for Children's Home youth intervention program

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

The Children's Home of Detroit has asked the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods to pay 3 percent more than last year for its Youth Assistance Services program.

The service is applauded by local law enforcement officials as an effective intervention program for first-time troublemakers who otherwise risk being lost among

more serious offenders in the county juvenile justice system.

The Pointes and Harper Woods each fund the service through a two-tiered assessment in which each city contributes \$3,000.

The fee collectively adds \$18,000 toward \$66,050 the Home has requested from the cities as a whole.

"The \$3,000 base per city programs," according to

Deborah Liedel, the Home's director of community services.

The \$48,050 balance is assessed in proportion to how many youths each city sends to the program.

Last year City officials sent 16 youths to the program.

The figure amounted to 12 percent of all youths involved from the Pointes and Harper Woods, according to Liedel. For 2005,

accordingly, the City was requested to fund 12 percent of the balance, or \$5,766, plus the \$3,000 base for a total \$8,766.

City officials this week complied.

"It's very worthwhile, not only to our city, but also to the entire Grosse Pointes," said Al Fincham, City chief of public safety. "The service allows juveniles to complete the Youth Service Program without being referred to Wayne County Juvenile. First-time offenders for alcohol-related offenses, marijuana, shoplifters and those involved in malicious destruction of property are typically dealt with through this service."

The Children's Home doesn't offer a free ride.

Offenders often pay for their crimes constructively through community service. Mentors try to set kids right. Parents are commonly brought into play by having to accompany wayward offspring to counseling sessions and similar gatherings intended to snuff out the beginnings of delinquent behavior.

The county jurisdiction, on the other hand, is characterized as a place where prosecutors who are dealing with murderers, rapists and drug dealers don't have time to tend to Pointer kids caught smoking or dabbling in marijuana.

"If they don't go to the Children's Home, they go to Wayne County where 99.9 percent of the time nothing

happens," said Councilman Dick Clarke. "It doesn't get nipped in the bud."

Second-time offenders aren't eligible for the Children's Home.

"You go to Wayne County," Fincham said.

Grosse Pointe Woods during 2004 led eastside cities by sending 57 youths to the program (not all were necessarily Woods residents, only those caught by Woods police), accounting for 42 percent all enrolled. Woods officials have been asked to contribute \$23,181, or \$406 per offender.

Grosse Pointe Shores sent only two kids to the service during 2004. Their requested contribution totals \$3,720.75, or \$1,860 per person enrolled.

## Shores begins budget work

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

The taxable value of property will rise 2.3 percent next year in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Trustees matched the increase to the cost of living.

"State law under Proposal A says the taxable value of homes can go up 5 percent or the cost of living, which is 2.3 percent," said Mike Kenyon, village manager.

Action last week coincided with commencement of budget activities for fiscal year 2005-2006.

"This was the first step," Kenyon said. "State law requires you to have a budget in place prior to the end of the fiscal year."

The Shores fiscal year

ends March 31.

"We'll approve that March 31," Kenyon said. "Then we'll amend it prior to establishing a tax rate, probably in April or May. Other than voted debt service, which was approved in August, we should have pretty much the same tax rate as last year."

Last year's tax rate was 13.70 mills.

"It will be around 14.30," Kenyon said.

More than 80 percent (\$4,749,000) of the forthcoming \$5,875,005 budget is funded by property taxes.

"Of that \$5.8 million, \$200,000 is the bond that residents voted last August," Kenyon said. "Another \$168,000 is money from the bond proceeds from

which we will be doing repairs within the general fund. The actual cost of the budget over last year's budget is an estimated value of \$185,000."

More than 40 percent of expenditures (\$2,429,596) fund the public safety department.

Property owners were scheduled to begin receiving updated assessment notices last week.

"In some of our lakefront homes, we're actually going to have some SEV (state equalized value) reductions," Kenyon said. "Wayne County has told our township assessor that we need to lower about \$2 million off

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# Woods' Judge Pierce gets 50 percent raise

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

Justice may be blind but not cheap in Grosse Pointe Woods as Municipal Judge Lynne Pierce received a 50 percent pay increase.

The increase was recommended by the Grosse Pointe Woods Local Officers Compensation Commission.

"It's based on the salary and number of hours she works, which is 20 percent of the hours of a district judge," said Peter Gilezan, commission chairman.

Pierce spends about 8 to 10 hours a week tending to her judicial responsibilities in the Woods and is on-call 24/7 to sign warrants and hear arraignments.

Through non-action of the commission's recommendation, the city council



Judge Lynne Pierce

approved Pierce's pay raise on Monday, Feb. 28. She'll now pull in an annual salary of \$30,000 for her part-time duties on the bench.

By state law, city councils do not need to vote on salary recommendations made by

their local officers compensation commissions in order to approve them.

"I'm very grateful," Pierce said. "I'm humbled and honored that they would consider my salary to be on par with that of a district judge. We do the same work and have the same responsibilities."

Pierce last received a pay raise in 2001, which brought her annual salary from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Pierce remains the highest-paid jurist in the Grosse Pointes. City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Judge Russell Ethridge receives \$12,000 for his time on the bench, and Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora and Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Judge Carl Jarboe each receive \$15,000

per year.

Pierce also receives an annual salary of \$8,350 in Grosse Pointe Shores, where she serves as municipal judge on a contractual basis.

Woods Mayor Robert Novitke and four members of the council did, however, turn down raises recommended to them by the commission by a 4-2 vote.

The commission recommended the mayor receive a \$500 annual raise and that council members receive \$250 annual raises.

"There should be raises," Gilezan said. "There are economic factors that have prevailed, especially in running a campaign. The amounts shown in the recommendation are minimal in view of the constraints being passed on by the state in revenue

sharing."

However, Councilwoman Patricia Chylinski, who led the call to deny the raises, told the Grosse Pointe News: "These are hard economic times. People don't have jobs, and some can't sign their kids up for recreational activities. We're all just citizens trying to do what's best for our city."

Council members Lisa Pinkos Howle and Dona DeSantis Reynolds voted against the denial. They said they were only going along with the commission's recommendation.

As of their last pay increase in 2001, members of the council are each paid \$3,750 annually, and the mayor collects a \$6,000 salary every year.

Even with taking a pass on

additional income, the Woods mayor and council are the highest paid council or board representatives in the Grosse Pointes.

The mayor in Grosse Pointe Farms is paid \$900 a year, and the mayors in the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park and the president in Grosse Pointe Shores are not compensated.

Grosse Pointe Township trustees are paid \$275 a month; council members in the Farms receive \$600 a year; Lake Township trustees are paid \$100 per meeting; and trustees of the boards of the public schools and the public library are paid \$30 per meeting. Council members in the City, Park and Shores are not compensated.

# Park public safety employees garner commendations, letters

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

Seventeen Grosse Pointe Park public safety employees received department commendations and/or director's letters for notable efforts during 2004.

Det. David Loch was given a department commendation for his work on investigating and filing charges against a subject who had walked into a house in the 1200 block of Berkshire and robbed a resident at gunpoint on Sept. 12.

"Det. David Loch was the primary investigator, and because of his aggressive effort, a suspect was developed," Chief David Hiller said. "Det. Loch encountered countless obstacles prior to a warrant being issued for the suspect that he believed committed the crime."

"As a result of this investigation, the suspect was charged with five felonies which greatly assisted four other agencies in solving their robbery cases. Det. Loch's tenacious effort and dedication to this heinous crime not only resulted in the suspect being charged, but led to numerous other prosecutions in agencies that were not pursuing the

suspect."

On July 22, a 14-year-old Park girl was pulled into an alley by an individual who fled on foot. A physical description of the suspect was presented to the night shift at roll call that day.

Later that evening, officer Brent Merlington observed a suspect matching the description, arrested him and charged him with assault.

"Public safety officer Merlington's attention while at roll call and his dedication to his beat resulted in an excellent arrest and conviction," said Hiller of Merlington, who received a department commendation.

Officer Jeffrey Longo received a department commendation for keeping his eyes focused on a known larceny suspect.

On May 23, Longo observed the suspect walking on Windmill Pointe Drive, investigated him, and then released him. Longo maintained surveillance on the individual, and later saw him on a new mountain bike. After a short foot pursuit, Longo apprehended the suspect. In addition to learning the bike was stolen, the suspect was in possession of

several other stolen items.

"Public safety officer Longo never gave up on this difficult surveillance, and in doing so, he made an excellent arrest," Hiller said.

Dispatcher Jodi Kurko, who volunteered to handle communications for a stolen auto task force detail over a two-day period last February, was also given a department commendation.

"Dispatcher Kurko's performance was exceptional, and her efforts enhanced the safety of all officers on the street," Hiller said. "In addition, thank you letters were received from commanders from two of the participating departments. Dispatcher Kurko's efforts were significant in the success of this task force."

Officer Keith Andersen earned a department commendation for his dedication to his job off duty.

On Oct. 18, Andersen spotted a subject known to be wanted on a Park felony warrant. Anderson went after the subject on his bicycle and tackled him, sustaining minor injuries, in making an off-duty arrest.

"Public safety officer Andersen's actions demonstrate his knowledge and

willingness to engage in service to the department even while off duty," Hiller said.

On May 24, officer Jennifer Worrall observed a late model Geo Tracker that minutes later was involved in an armed robbery at Lakepointe and Charlevoix.

Two weeks later, she noticed the same vehicle parked outside a convenience store in Detroit. Two suspects in that car were subsequently taken into custody and four

individuals were arrested in connection with the May 24 armed robbery.

For her keen observation skills, Worrall was awarded with a department commendation.

"The observation made by public safety officer Worrall and her dedication to this case removed four extremely dangerous criminals from our streets," Hiller said.

Worrall and Kurko also

received director's letters for their exceptional work.

Other public safety employees who received director's letters include Lt. James Smith, dispatcher Robin Fiset, Lt. James Chopp, Sgt. James Vogler, student intern Joseph Deleuw, and officers Christopher Flanagan, Ronald Loosvelt, Ryan Milroth, Terry Hays, Anthony Blain and Christopher Jones.

# Red Cross gives Americans thanks

Recently the national office of the American Red Cross, in coordination with Red Cross and Red Crescent societies around the world, announced that there is a sufficient amount of funds collected and pledged to support southern Asia relief efforts. It appreciates the overwhelming generosity from the American people and is encouraging those who want to give to consider supporting the disaster relief work of the local Red Cross chapter.

Based on more than 100 years of disaster relief experience, the Geneva, Switzerland-based International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies determined that the amount collected and pledged for southern Asia is sufficient to ensure for immediate emergency and long-term relief in the affected countries. A combined \$1.2 billion has been raised worldwide of which close to \$400 million is through the American Red Cross. The Southeastern Michigan Chapter projects it has raised \$2 million to date.

The International Federation, which is leading the Red Cross effort, has stated that this disaster is the largest emergency relief operation ever. The humanitarian needs from this catastrophic tsunami are immense and will continue to emerge over the next months and even years. The American Red Cross is acting as a partner with the International Federation in providing emergency and long-term assistance based on emerging needs.

During the immediate response stage in southern Asia, the American Red Cross will continue to focus primarily on the four areas listed in coordination with other agencies. A fifth area, disaster preparedness and prevention measures, will be in the long-term relief stage.

- Food distribution: The

American Red Cross is coordinating with other organizations including the United Nation's World Food Program to purchase and distribute food, such as rice, noodles, lentils, and canned fish for 2 million people in Sri Lanka, Indonesia and the Maldives for six months.

- Vaccination and health

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# Woods raises are inflationary, rate-busting

**W**e are second to none in our admiration of Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Judge Lynne Pierce.

That is why we want to make it clear that our opposition to the 50 percent pay hike awarded to her through default by her city council has nothing to do with our estimation of how the judge runs her court.

We do, however, fault the Grosse Pointe Woods Local Officers Compensation Commission for its irresponsible largesse in recommending the pay raise, and we do chide the city council for not overriding the commission's recommendation.

As reported by Bonnie Caprara in this week's Grosse Pointe News, the Woods Local Officers Compensation Commission, under the leadership of chairman Peter Gilezan, a former councilman, recommended a \$10,000 annual pay raise to Judge Pierce. The increase brings her yearly pay to \$30,000.

Under state law, if the city council does nothing, the compensation commission's pay recommendations go into effect. City council action is required only to deny recommended raises.

This procedure allows pay raises to be awarded without the spending increases being blamed on elected officials. This takes politics out of wages, but it also avoids responsibility on the part of elected leaders.

Judge Pierce's last pay raise was in 2001, when she received \$5,000, a 33 percent increase from \$15,000 to the \$20,000 she was earning until last Monday night.

Historically, even the raise Judge Pierce received four years ago was excessive, inflationary and rate-busting.

For comparison, Farms Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora earns \$15,000 a year, as does Park Municipal Judge Carl Jarboe. Judge Russell Ethridge in the City of Grosse Pointe earns \$12,000 annually.

Judge Pierce earns an additional \$8,350 sitting on the bench in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Gilezan and his fellow compensation commission members justified their raise recommendation for Judge Pierce based on the fact that she works one day a week, or 20 percent of the work week of a full-time district

court judge.

Based on that line of reasoning, the commission figures that if a district court judge makes \$138,200 a year, then Judge Pierce deserves 20 percent of that amount.

We believe Judge Pierce puts in more time than eight hours a week, and we recognize she is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, as are the other municipal judges.

Nevertheless, we think it is a serious mistake to compare our courts to state-run district courts.

Many times over the years, Grosse Pointers have turned down proposals to replace the municipal courts with a district court. One of the reasons we have objected to district courts is because of their outrageous costs.

By basing its judge's salary on that of a state-compensated judge, the Woods compensation commissioners have fallen into the big-government, big-spending mentality.

It is not surprising that Grosse Pointe Woods, which considers itself somehow bigger and better than the other Pointes, would be of that mind-

set. Even its mayor and city council are higher paid — embarrassingly so — than their peers in the rest of the Pointes.

True, the council, at the behest of Councilwoman Patricia Kukula Chylinski, had the good sense to turn down pay raises for themselves. But when you consider they are already highly overpaid when compared to the other Pointes, it is hard to pat them on the back.

The Woods mayor makes \$6,000 a year, while council members make \$3,750 a year. The commission recommended raises of \$500 and \$250 a year, respectively.

In the Farms, the mayor and city council members make \$900 and \$600 a year, respectively.

The council and mayor in the other Pointes are not compensated. School and library board members are paid on a per-meeting basis.

Clearly, Woods elected officials, like those in big cities and at the state and federal levels, are overpaid when compared to the other Grosse Pointes.

True, some may argue that those in the other municipalities are underpaid. But that would be missing the point.

In the Pointes, we pride ourselves of having elected officials who are truly public servants. They do not run for office for compensation. They do so to "give back" to the communities they love.

In the Woods, it appears public service comes with a hefty price tag.

Robert G. Edgar  
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# Dare we compare?

## How American students stack up to competition

By Andrew J. Coulson

**T**he results of the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study were released on Dec. 15, detailing the performance of fourth- and eighth-graders around the globe. On the eve of the results' publication, I predicted: Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong will be clustered at the top of the international heap. U.S. fourth-grade students will perform at about the average for industrialized nations, while U.S. eighth-grade students will be below the average for industrialized nations — possibly far below it.

Here's how it played out: Among eighth-graders, the top five nations in combined mathematics and science performance were Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Japan. Among fourth-graders, the top four nations in combined mathematics and science performance were Singapore, Japan, Taiwan, and Hong Kong (Korea did not test students in the fourth grade).

How did the United States perform compared to other industrialized nations — that is, the top 40 nations in terms of per-capita income? At the fourth-grade level, American students were nine points above the average in science and 11 points below it in math, putting them almost dead average overall. At the eighth-grade level, American students were four points below average in science and 24 points below average in math, putting them clearly, but not abysmally, below the rich-country average.

The weak point in my prognostication thus appears to be my suggestion that U.S. eighth-graders' overall performance might be "far below" the average of industrialized nations.

But perhaps it actually was. Many nations that typically outscore the United States in math and science at the eighth-grade level did not participate in TIMSS 2003. Those countries include France, Germany, Canada, Ireland, Finland, Switzerland, Iceland and Poland.

But while they skipped TIMSS 2003, they all participated in another test of mathematics and science: the 2003 Program on International Student Achievement (PISA). Tellingly, every one of those countries significantly outscored the United States on the PISA test. In math, Canada bested us by 49 points, while Finland outscored us by 61. In science, France and Switzerland beat us by 20 and 22 points, respectively. If all of these nations had participated in TIMSS

2003, it seems likely that U.S. performance at the eighth-grade level would have been considerably further below the average of industrialized nations than it already was.

One question is often raised: Do these results mean anything? In the past, international testing programs have been criticized on a variety of grounds. Two allegations have been common: that other nations have not tested as many of their student population, and hence their scores have been inflated; and that our best students are among the world's best, with our average being brought down by a large cohort of low-achievers.

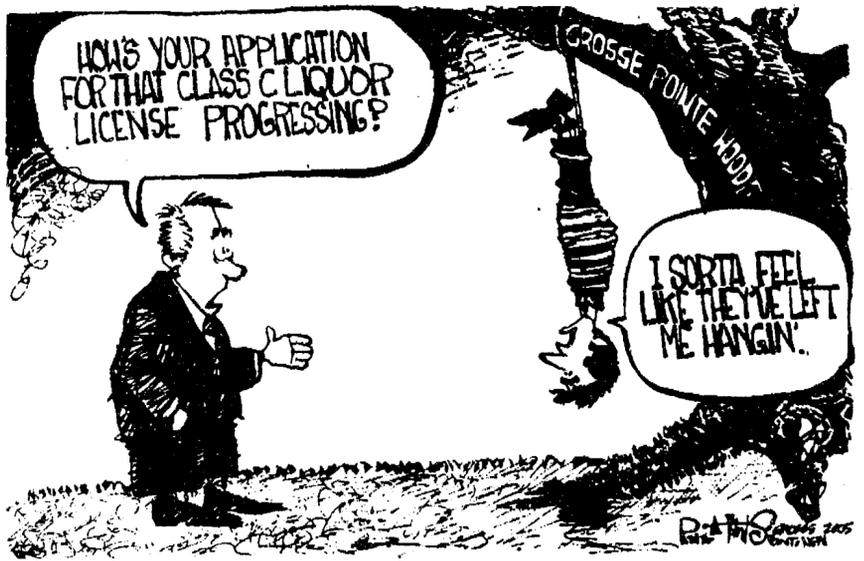
Whatever the historical validity of such concerns, they are now, if anything, reversed. In science, the overall U.S. participation rate at the eighth-grade was just 73 percent, the third-lowest of all 45 participating countries, and 11 points below the average participation rate of industrialized nations. In fact, the United States had the third-lowest overall participation rate for both grades in both subjects. Japan, Taiwan and Singapore all had participation percentages in the 90s.

How about our best and brightest? At the fourth-grade level, there is some truth to the idea that the best American students are among the best in the world. Looking only at the top 5 percent of test-takers, American fourth-graders beat the average of wealthy nations by 13 points. By the eighth grade, the tables have turned, with America's brightest falling 10 points behind their foreign peers.

If we carry this comparison to the final year of high school using the 1998 12th-grade TIMSS results, we discover that America's top students placed last in combined science and math achievement among all the industrialized nations for which data were available. In both math and science, the gap between our best and the world's best was substantially larger than the gap between our average performance and the average performance of other nations — not smaller, as many Americans believe.

The start of a new year is the ideal time to face reality. The notion that America's public school problems are confined to inner cities, and that our wealthy suburbs produce world-beating high school graduates is a myth. It's time we resolve to do better.

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# Letters

## Licensed contractors

To the Editor:

Thank you for Bonnie Caprara's article "Unlicensed contractors may not offer the best bargains" (Feb. 10 Grosse Pointe News) on the financial dangers and pitfalls of hiring an unlicensed contractor.

Additional helpful information includes the following:

- Public Act 299 of 1980 requires all contractors performing residential work to be properly licensed for their scope of work.

- PA 299 also requires contractors to include their license number on all advertising and contracts; they must also carry the state-issued pocket-size license.

- Verification of a properly licensed contractor can be made online at the Web site [cis.state.mi.us/verify.htm](http://cis.state.mi.us/verify.htm).

- An unlicensed contractor cannot participate in the Construction Lien Recovery Fund; a homeowner may have to pay twice if the unlicensed contractor does not pay the suppliers.

- A homeowner who does not understand and participate in a notice of commencement, notice of furnishing, sworn statements and waivers of lien could be at financial risk.

- Free work: Section MCL

339.2412 of the code states a contractor cannot bring or maintain an action in a state court for compensation of services without proving they had a proper license to conduct the business. Officials at the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth have verified that the unlicensed contractor is working for free as the homeowner is not obligated to pay for those services.

In conclusion, a properly licensed and insured professional contractor demonstrates a commitment to a business and craft. In order to stay in business the professional must stay current with the advances in materials, technologies and application techniques. The professional contractor must demonstrate financial responsibility, insure the safety of their customers, their property, and also the safety of their employees and subcontractors.

Thanks for your article and for advancing our professionalism.

Mark D. Collinson  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Dove hunting

To the Editor:

Our back yard is truly "for the birds." Six months ago we recovered a beautiful mourning dove that obviously had lost its life by collid-

ing with our kitchen window. Following post-mortem attempts, we sadly placed it in the trash receptacle by our back door.

We are very touched by the return of the fallen dove's mate every evening at dusk sitting near our window on a limb or wire, awaiting its return — proving, in fact, it's truly a monogamous creature.

Please, let us preserve and nurture these remaining symbols of gentility and love by supporting the ban on mourning dove hunting.

Pauline Schomig  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Save aquarium

To the Editor:

An open letter to Detroit Mayor Kwami Kilpatrick: Please do not close the Belle Isle Aquarium!

Belle Isle has so many possibilities and can be the jewel in Detroit's crown. Renovation of the Boat Club, horse riding stables, canoe rental, remember the elephants, maybe a mini Greenfield Village, car racing, motorcycle racing, go-karts, boat racing (hydro planes, offshore performance boats, sailing and rowing), diners, coffee house, casino, hotel, marina, nature walkways, etc. The possibilities are only limited by our imagination!

John E. Chancey  
Grosse Pointe Farms

# To swear or not to swear

I'm so mad I could swear, but I won't because I don't. And I don't particularly like it when other people swear or make obscene gestures in front of me, and I really don't like people swearing or making obscene gestures in front of my children. That's why I'm so mad. A few weeks ago, my 12-year-old son came home

from school and told me that the mother of one of his classmates became upset when a group of kids happened to block her car in front of their school. The kids had gathered around the window of another car to see an adorable puppy. The group got so large that it spilled over to the other side of the road, thus blocking some traffic. The mother in the other car started honking her horn; the group got out of her way, and yet as she was passing the dispersing group, she gave an obscene hand gesture. He was startled and so was I. We discussed the incident and we both agreed that the



mother acted out-of-line. I was pleased and, yet saddened, to see that my young son had more common courtesy than an adult woman. A few days later, he came home from religious education and told me that his religious ed. teacher swore in class. When the students

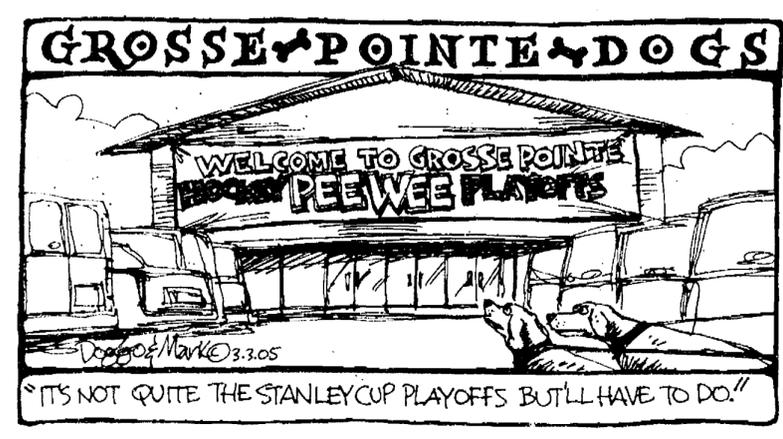
seemed surprised by her poor choice of words, she said "I don't care if I swore in religious ed., I have a right to swear." I couldn't believe what I was hearing. I was speechless. I thought to myself, "What is the world coming to if religious ed. teachers

are swearing?" I'm not particularly offended by swear words; they are just words. I'm opposed to the meaning behind swear words. To me, the use of profanity is a sign of anger and aggression. Have we as a society become so self-obsessed that we don't think we should be considerate of others? Do we lack the self-control to find more appropriate ways to express frustration and anger? While I value our country's First Amendment, I disagree with my son's religious ed teacher when she said she has a right to swear. Why should profanity

be protected speech? I also wonder how she interprets the commandment, "Thou shall not say the Lord's name in vain." A few days ago, my son told me that while my friend, Anne, was driving him and her son to basketball practice, another motorist got angry at her and gave her the obscene hand gesture. When that happened, she yelled back, "I could do that to you, but I won't." While she could have stooped to the other motorist's level, she chose not to; she showed restraint. Other people would do well to follow her example. I certainly hope my son does.

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## fyi

by Ben Burns

### Happy Birthday

More than 70 Rotarians and friends gathered in the Fries Ballroom at the War Memorial Feb. 23 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the service organization that was founded in Chicago on that date a century ago.

### First Run

If you like movies and are a resident of the Grosse Pointes and haven't checked out the Okulski Family Theatre at Patterson Park, you are missing out on a best bet that lasts until April 15.

### Ear Today

Dr. Ginette Lezotte, a Woods audiologist, has a newsletter called "Now Hear This" which included this item:

The party included members of the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club (Wayne Manchester and Dennis Hyduk), the Detroit Sunrise Club (Past President Susan Mozena), the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe and the Hamtramck Rotary Club (President Robert Jaroz).

There are two clubs in the Grosse Pointes. The Sunrise Club meets at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on Tuesday mornings at 7 a.m. and the luncheon club meets in the Fries Ballroom of the War Memorial on Mondays at noon.

"The older you get the bigger your ears will get. Both men and women's ears grow as they age.

Rotary has 1.2 million members in 165 countries around the globe and is most notable internationally for its efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. It started the Polio Plus campaign in 1985 and cases of the dreaded disease that primarily strikes children have dropped by 99 percent since 1988.

Both clubs are always interested in new members who want to make a difference locally and abroad by serving others. You can contact Sunrise Club President Bill Fulgenzi of the Farms, at (313) 886-6429, or by e-mail at Fulgenzi@comcast.net. And you can contact the luncheon club by phoning or e-mailing me using the information at the end of this column.

However, women can usually hide their ears with their hair. Studies in Italy and England have shown that ears grow an average of one-thousandth of an inch each year.

Rotarians have sent more than 35,000 students from 110 countries to study abroad as Ambassadorial Scholars and each year send 8,000 high school students to another country as Youth Exchange Students. This year Ambassadorial Scholars include Kristin Nickel of the Park, who is studying in Bulgaria, and next fall Tom Sperti of the Farms, who will study in Ireland.

The Grosse Pointe Rotarians have also funded water wells, purification systems, housing, dental and medical missions in developing countries.

"There is a lot of debate in the why of this. Is it because the 'oldsters' had their ears 'boxed' as children? Or, people with large ears live longer, so they have time to grow? Whatever the reason there isn't much you

The Rotary Club of Grosse

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The Rotary Club of Grosse

## Points about the Pointes

Our school system's new Director of Special Ed and Student Services...how important are they?

In case you didn't know it, there will be an open meeting this evening (March 3rd) at 7PM at South's Wicking Library. The purpose of the meeting is to allow all of us to voice our concerns and goals we feel should be used in the selection of our new Director of Special Education and Student Services ("DSE-SS"). This position has become open as a result of the resignation of Dr. Pamela Lemerand, effective July 1. Our DSE-SS oversees the school counselors,

psychologists, our entire Special Education Program, the Community School, the SAFE Program, the Extended Day Kindergarten, and many other programs all of us our community take for granted. About 15% (\$14 million) of our entire school system budget is administered by our DSE-SS. Their decisions flow down to affect the school experience and ultimately the future of every single one of our students in one way or another, especially our students who are somehow in jeopardy of "falling through the cracks".

In my mind, our new DSE-SS is possibly (next to Suzanne Klein and Chris Fenton) the most important administrator in our entire school system. The administration must think our DSE-SS is pretty important as well, as they have committed many hours of their already limited time to seek input from all of us tonight and on March 8th.

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## Streetwise

### Question of the Week:

Are you sick of winter?



"This time of year lasts too long. I think more and more about being on the lake. I can't wait for winter to end."  
Dan Lalonde  
St. Clair Shores



"I'm so tired of winter. I can't wait to get out of here. I'm going to Florida next week."  
Alicia Barbieri  
Grosse Pointe Farms



"No. We get to make a snowman and have snowball fights."  
Maxwell Kolinski, 7  
Grosse Pointe Woods



"No. I like snowball fights."  
Evan Kolinski, 4  
Grosse Pointe Woods



"I'm not sick of winter, but I'm sick of the cold. I know that's a contradiction, but it's how I feel."  
Ken Ong  
St. Clair Shores



"I love winter, but I've just about had it."  
Mary Ellen Zander  
Brighton

If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or email to editor@grossepointenews.com

## Ask the Learning Advisor

**Q.** We have a very smart 15-year-old daughter. She has always been on the honor roll, an excellent athlete and just an all-around great kid — until this year. Now she never studies. She doesn't even care what grades she gets. What can we do?

**A.** You're right to understand that when it comes to success, it isn't just a matter of how smart your daughter is, or how much talent she has. If she doesn't have the desire to succeed, she probably won't succeed — in school or in anything else. Many teens need a boost in motivation. Here are some ways you can help:

Talk with your daughter about what you've observed. But don't try to lecture her. Most 15-year-olds already think that they're smarter than their parents and she'll probably tune you out.

Ask your daughter about her goals. What does she see herself doing in 10 years? Keep in mind that her goals for herself may be different from yours. Make sure they're goals, though, and not dreams. If she wants to swim in the Olympics, but never goes to practice, she has a dream. Only if she takes action to make the dream a reality can she call it a goal. Talk about how her education will help her achieve her goals.

Give her these tips:

- Have her list her goals. When goals are on paper, they seem more real. Have her post her goals where she can see them, and suggest putting a copy next to the TV set. When she's about to turn on the TV, she'll see her list and she may realize that watching a rerun on TV won't help her make the team or pass the test.

- Help your daughter visualize success. Successful people, from Michael Jordan to Albert Einstein, have all done the same thing. They visualized themselves being successful, seeing themselves in their mind's eye making the basket or solving the problem.

Before a big test, suggest that she try to imagine herself sitting in the classroom, calmly looking at the test paper, knowing the answers and making a good grade. It won't replace studying, but it will keep her motivated to hit the books again — and do her best on the test.

- Have her start every study session with the subject she likes least. If she hates studying foreign language vocabulary, have her get it out of the way first. Once it's over, the rest of the study session will seem more enjoyable.

As your daughter walks out the door for school every day, offer her words of encouragement. Say "I love you" and "I believe in you." Tell her that you know she will try her best.

**Q.** My son is in middle school. He loves sports and is a really good athlete. Academically, he's an average student. He tells me that he just isn't very smart and the grades he gets are the best he can do. I'm wondering if there's anything we can do to help him do better in school.

**A.** Success takes more than just being smart. Intelligence is certainly one of the factors that leads to school success. But we know that success also comes from doing smart things. You are right to be concerned about your son at this stage. Middle school demands that students have good study skills to help carry them into high school and to succeed later in life. If you feel that your child doesn't have them already, now is the time to help him learn them.

Have him keep in mind these four A's that teachers say are essential:

- Attendance. Show up for class unless there is a valid excuse.
- Attention. Come to class with the right books and other tools and be "ready to learn" — don't spend the first 10 minutes fooling around.
- Assignments. Hand in assignments when they are due.

- Assistance. Know when you need help and ask for it.

Check with your son's teacher at your next conference or by phone. If your child needs to work on any of the above, ask the teacher for suggestions. Then sit down with your son and work out a plan.

Here are some strategies you can encourage your son to work on to help him be more successful in school:

- Improve listening skills. Kids in school spend a good part of the day listening — to instructions, assignments, lectures, readings and announcements. Here are some tips he can use to improve his listening skills:

- Listen for key words that tell you to do something. Words like read, work, study, tell, remember and fill in signal that something important is coming up.

- Listen for numbers, too. Are you supposed to read Chapter 11 or Chapters 11 and 12?

- Listen for repeated words or facts. The teacher will often repeat the most important information.

Study and review every day. Ask your son what he thinks professional athletes are doing when they're not playing a game. The best basketball players shoot 100 or more free throws every single day. It's the same for school. The best students are the ones who work at it every day. Students who spend a few minutes every day reviewing the main points the teacher covered in each subject are more likely to remember that information when test time comes.

Help your son put these ideas into practice and watch his school grades improve.

For more information about helping children learn or to submit your own question to *The Learning Advisor*, visit the Web site [advisor.parentinstitute.com](http://advisor.parentinstitute.com). All questions will receive a prompt answer by e-mail.

## Make your computing a breeze

There's no better time than now to clean your hard drive. If we routinely maintain our computers in addition to regularly saving documents we are working on, we can help keep them running efficiently and smoothly.

The following tips are given by a few computer experts:

- Get rid of files that you don't use. Move old files to a CD or ZIP disk. Dump files into your computer's trash that have "chk" and "tmp" extensions or that start with a tilde (~). These are files your computer has created that you never see and don't use. Your computer also creates "cache" files when you go online. Find your cache and trash any "gif," "jpg," "tif" or "pdf" files that you don't need. Uninstall any programs that you know you'll never use and trash them. Once you toss all of those items, empty out the

trash bin.

- Your operating system likely came with some programs to help clean it up. A disk scan or similar program searches for errors on your hard drive and corrects them, organizes data on your hard drive to help it run more efficiently, and marks bad sections of your hard drive so that data won't be saved there. You should run such programs about once a month.

- A virus-protection program is an essential tool. Update virus definitions every month — you can usually download updates from the program's Web site, and your computer will remind you to make updates, too.

- Upgrade your programs regularly. For example, if you use a Microsoft Windows-based system, you can go to the company's Web site and download any program upgrades free of charge.

- It's a good idea to back up your system regularly onto a ZIP disk or CD, depending on how often you use it (heavy users should back up daily, while more average users can back up weekly). This way, you won't lose any hardware settings, Internet bookmarks or other custom changes you've made.

- The simple task of letting your computer start up and shut down correctly — using the shut-down and start-up commands — can prevent many operating problems.

- Sometimes no matter what you do, your computer's hard drive will crash. When you buy a computer, it will usually come with a CD of the original operating system (OS). Keep that CD in a safe place so you'll have it should you become the victim of that unfortunate event and need to use it.

## PET POINTER OF INTEREST

### Maggie

**Breed:** Scottish fold longhair female.

**Age:** 6 years old.

**Residence:** Grosse Pointe Woods.

**Owner:** William C. Nill

**Siblings:** Her brother Winston, age 6, a Scottish fold.

**Favorite pastime:** Sleeping; watching the birds at the feeder; vacationing in Greenbush, Mich., and watching the chipmunks there; and playing in the back garden at home.

**Claim to fame:** Likes to sit on her haunches and yawn. She also likes to cuddle and lick her family.

If you would like to submit your "Pet Pointer of Interest," deliver or mail a typed outline and photograph to the Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to [postmaster@grossepointenews.com](mailto:postmaster@grossepointenews.com) (photos must be high resolution).



Maggie

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## Red Cross

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care: The threat of disease is significant and the American Red Cross is working in partnership with organizations like UNICEF and the World Health Organization in a massive measles immunization and health intervention program for as many as 22 million children in affected countries. In addition, the American Red Cross is

training counselors from the region to respond to emotional issues survivors are facing.

- Relief supplies: The American Red Cross will distribute emergency supplies like tents, cooking supplies, and hygiene kits to more than 1 million people.

- Emergency water and Sanitation: Using highly trained specialists, the American Red Cross will provide mass numbers of

disaster victims with safe drinking water, water for sanitation purposes and safe water disposal systems.

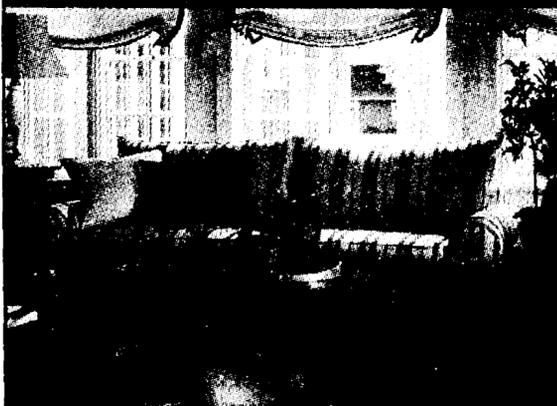
Due to the large number of donations coming into the Southeastern Michigan Chapter, the agency has taken on increased costs to process these contributions, which includes hiring temporary staff, some who work the evening shift. These costs are being covered by the agency. Additionally, the Red Cross recognizes that donors want gift receipts promptly. The Southeastern Michigan Chapter is doing everything it can to mail acknowledgement letters in a timely manner.

One hundred percent of contributions through the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross are being forwarded to the national Red Cross office to support tsunami relief, as designated by donors. Individuals and organizations that have already been authorized to host a Red Cross tsunami relief fundraiser previous to this announcement can continue to do so.

At this time, the Red Cross is not accepting additional fundraising events to benefit tsunami relief. It encourages people to consider hosting an event to support vital local Red Cross programs and services, such as tri-county home fire relief.

To financially support local Red Cross programs including disaster relief, emergency services for military families, and preparedness education, call (313) 833-2664 or visit the Web site [semredcross.org](http://semredcross.org). To volunteer, visit your local Red Cross office or call (313) 494-2863.

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## Internet is juiced up and ready to roll

By Michael Maurer

A few weeks ago I wrote about using electric power lines for Internet transmission. My interest was peaked by the fact it could be safely handled so neither the electricity nor the messages interfered with each other. I believe a test was being conducted on the west side of the state.

But now I have learned there is much more to it.

Broadband over power line (BPL) technology could be "primed for real growth in 2005 and beyond" across the United States, according to a white paper released last week by the New Millennium Research Council.

Trials and actual commercial deployments of BPL systems are on the rise, with more than 20 projects in operation in 2004 and more expected to come online in 2005. By one estimate, roughly a quarter million

homes in the United States already had the opportunity to choose BPL services in 2004. There are trials under way in parts of New York City and in Manassas, Va. Both are profiled in the white paper.

On the other side of the coin, ham radio operators remain deeply concerned about the technology, saying it interferes with radio transmission and reception in the bands they use. If you want to learn more, visit the Web site [thenmrc.org](http://thenmrc.org).

Last Tuesday the FBI warned that a computer virus is being spread through unsolicited e-mails that purport to come from the FBI. The e-mails appear to come from an [fbi.gov](http://fbi.gov) address. They tell recipients that they have accessed illegal Web sites and that their Internet use has been monitored by the FBI's "Internet

Fraud Complaint Center, the FBI said. The messages then direct recipients to open an attachment and answer questions. The computer virus is in the attachment.

"Recipients of this or similar solicitations should know that the FBI does not engage in the practice of sending unsolicited e-mails to the public in this manner," an FBI spokesperson said. The bureau is investigating the phony e-mails. The agency earlier this month shut down [fbi.gov](http://fbi.gov) accounts, used to communicate with the public, because of a security breach. A spokeswoman said the two incidents appear to be unrelated.

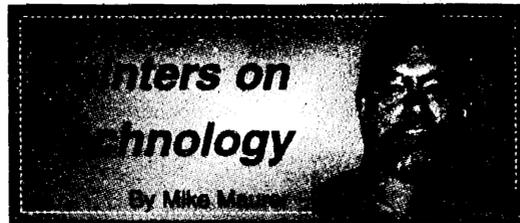
Here are a couple interesting items on cell phones and driving:

Talking on a cell phone makes you drive like a

retiree — even if you're only a teen, a new study shows.

A report from the University of Utah says when motorists between age 18 and 25 talk on cell phones, they drive like elderly people — moving and reacting more slowly and increasing their risk of accidents.

"If you put a 20-year-old driver behind the wheel with a cell phone, his reaction times are the same as a 70-year-old driver," said David Strayer, a University of Utah psychology professor and principal author of the study. "It's like instant aging." It doesn't matter whether the phone is handheld or hands-free, he said. Any activity requiring a driver to "actively be part of a conversation" likely will impair driving abilities, Strayer said. During research conducted in 2003, Strayer and Frank Drews, an assistant professor of



psychology, found that motorists who talk on cell phones are more impaired than drunken drivers with blood-alcohol levels exceeding 0.08.

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit has kicked off a cell phone donation project with drop-off centers around the Detroit area. All proceeds generated from donated phones will be spent for Goodwill programs and services.

Used wireless phones, batteries and chargers can be taken to the drop-off locations during business hours. Goodwill sends the phones and accessories to a recycling center that refurbishes the salvageable parts and properly disposes of the

remainder.

Proper disposal of waste electronics is a growing global problem because cell phones and other electronics contain small amounts of toxic materials like heavy metals. Multiply that by millions of units and you have a real environmental hazard.

For more information on the program and drop-off sites, visit the Web site [goodwilldetroit.org](http://goodwilldetroit.org) or call (313) 964-3900, extension 315.

Have a tech question or subject you would like addressed in this column? Want to comment or add your two cents worth? My e-mail address is [mmaurer@comcast.net](mailto:mmaurer@comcast.net).

## Business People

### McGraw gets leadership position

Dykema Gossett PLLC announces the appointment of Thomas J. McGraw as Practice Group Leader of the firm's Health Care practice.

McGraw, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident, has practiced in the health care arena at Dykema Gossett since 1985 and is a member of the firm.

He practices in all areas of health care law with particular emphasis on compliance programs, mergers, acquisitions and other business transactions.

He represents hospitals, health systems, laboratories, nursing homes, assisted living centers, continuing care retirement communities, physicians, and physician groups.

McGraw frequently lectures on issues related to health law, and has spoken at seminars sponsored by the National Health Lawyers Association, the State Bar of Michigan, the Health Care Financial Management Association, the Michigan League for Human Service and the Accounting Aid Society.

He also speaks at seminars for practicing attorneys sponsored by the Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education, and he taught at Wayne State University Law School.

McGraw received his B.A. degree from Michigan State University and his J.D. degree, *magna cum laude* and *Order of the Coif*, from Wayne State University.

He is listed in the 2005-06 edition of *Best Lawyers* in America.

### Burns elected to DAC board

Beverly Hall Burns, a principal and the deputy CEO of the law firm Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Detroit Athletic Club (DAC). "The DAC is a vital club with wonderful people and important traditions," Burns said.



Burns

At Miller-Canfield, Burns practices labor law, representing both private and public sector employers in NLRB and state employment relations matters. In addition, she practices labor negotiations, contract administration, and arbitra-

tion. She also represents clients on employment discrimination matters before federal and state agencies and courts.

She handles Section 301 and other employment-related litigation and general labor-related matters.

Burns is also part of the firm's School Law Group, specializing in school labor matters, including cases under Michigan's Teacher Tenure Act, as well as in special education, student discipline, Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act issues.

She is a member of the Michigan Bar Association's Labor Law Section; the American Bar Association's Labor Law Section and Committee on Law Firm Management; Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association; Michigan Council of School Attorneys; and National Council of School Attorneys.

She is admitted to practice in all state and federal courts in Michigan.

She is past Chair of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Board of Directors, serves on the Board of Directors of the Economic Club of Detroit, is a fellow of the Michigan Bar Foundation, and Chair of the board of trustees of the Michigan Women's

Foundation. She is also a member of the MSU's National Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Burns received her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School and a B.A., with honors, from Michigan State University.

She resides in the City of Grosse Pointe.

### Bank of GP adds Schmidt

Kim C. Schmidt has joined The Bank of Grosse Pointe as a vice president.

Schmidt will focus on new business development in the Grosse Pointe market and surrounding area.

Schmidt has 30 years of experience in mortgage and retail banking operations where she most recently held the position of president, First State Bank Mortgage Co. and second vice president, First State Bank of East Detroit.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in finance from the University of Detroit Mercy.

### Schueneman promoted

Weber Shandwick's Detroit office announced the promotion of Andy Schueneman to vice president.

"Andy's expertise in con-



Schueneman

sumer marketing continues to be a strong asset to our office," said Stan Stein, executive vice president of Weber

Shandwick's Detroit

office. "His leadership skills and the many successful campaigns he has led for clients have surpassed our expectations."

Schueneman joined the firm in 2003 and will continue to lead the consumer practice in Detroit. He has more than 10 years of experience in a broad range of communications disciplines with expertise in consumer product marketing and media relations.

Prior to joining Weber Shandwick, he was a senior account supervisor with Edelman in Chicago, where he worked on a variety of leading consumer brands, including Valvoline, Michelin, and Rust-Oleum.

Schueneman's award-winning work includes two Golden Trumpet Awards from the Publicity Club of Chicago for his work with the Profit Sharing Council of America and Abbott Laboratories' sponsorship of the AIDS exhibit at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from the University of Dayton. He and his wife, Therese, live in Grosse Pointe Farms with their son, Joseph.

### Ahee honored at luncheon

Seven women from across Michigan will be honored at the ninth annual Michigan Business and Professional Association (MBPA) Women and Leadership in the Workplace Conference, March 10, at Burton Manor in Livonia.

Pamela Rodgers of Rodgers Chevrolet will receive the Business Award; Nancy M. Schlichting of Henry Ford Health System will receive the Professional Award; Linda A. Watters, Office of Financial and Insurance Services for the State of Michigan, will receive the Civic Affairs award; Christina Lovio of Lovio George, Inc., will receive the Small Business Achievement award; Carole Leigh Hutton of the Detroit Free Press will receive the Media award; Sr. Francis Nadolny of the Archdiocese of Detroit will receive the Education award; and Bettejean Ahee of Ahee Jewelers will receive the Philanthropy award.

"In the professional realm,

these women stand out because of their outstanding services and contributions to women-related issues in the business world," said Ed Deeb, MBPA president. "Their achievements were recognized by their peers as being extraordinary."

The award ceremony and luncheon will conclude the annual conference. This year's theme is "Achieving Life Balance."

Two workshops will be offered: "Powerful Strategies for Life Balance" and "Modeling Personal Behavior for Professional Success."

Individual tickets for the conference are \$95 and include all sessions and the awards luncheon. Contact the MBPA office at (586) 393-8800 for more information.

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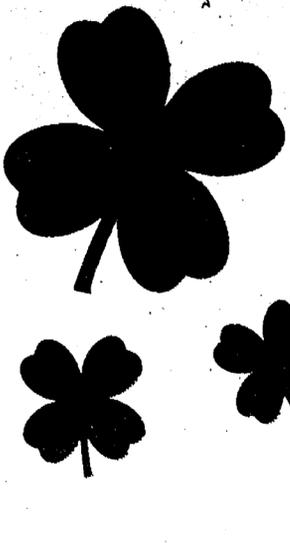
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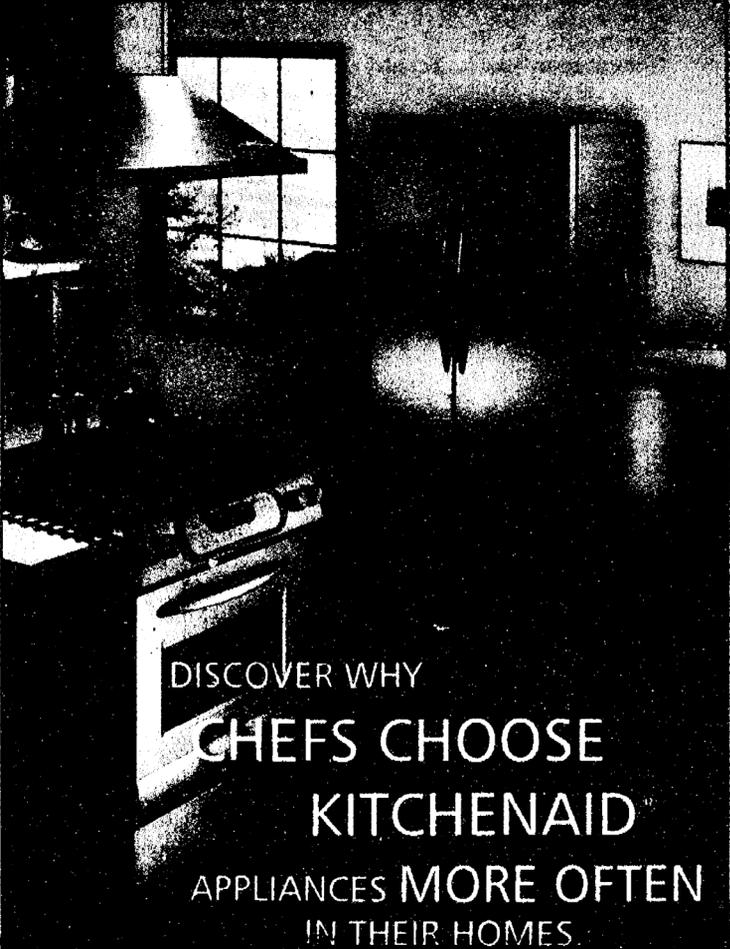
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## Enchanted evening begins with backstage crew

**Stefan Cross**  
Special Writer

"The show must go on!" as the famous musical saying goes. Yet, how much does it actually take to in fact get the show to go on? The truth of the matter is that the actors you see on stage are really only half of what it takes to run a musical performance.

A musical, such as Grosse Pointe North's "South Pacific," takes much more than just fine acting to put on a quality show. A good show requires elements like lights, sounds, props, music, costumes, equipment, scenery and the essential stage manager.

It's behind the scenes where most of the work for a show like "South Pacific" goes on.

"The (behind the scenes) crew needs to stay invisible, while the results need to shine," said Dan Vicary, technical director.

So, join me as I take you behind the scenes of North's newest musical, "South Pacific," opening today in the North's Performing Arts Center.

The week before the musical opens is known as "tech week" for the crew of "South Pacific."

"Tech week" is where the behind-the-scenes crew adds everything they've been working on to the cast rehearsals.

"In prior weeks we work separately from rehearsals," Vicary said. "During 'tech week' we add everything."

"Everything" consists of the set, the lighting, the sound and most importantly, the timing of those three

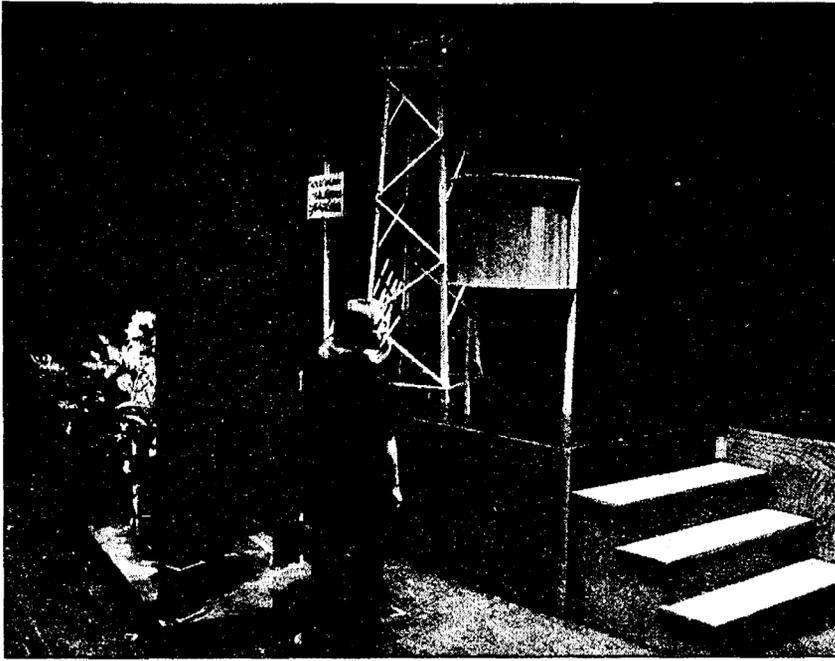


Photo by Stefan Cross

**The "crew" of the Grosse Pointe Performing Art Center moves the set for "South Pacific" into its designated place.**

aspects. Every piece of the play has to hit its timed mark, also known as a cue.

One of the most important parts of the crew's job is perfecting all the cues for every aspect of the play. There are cues for lights, sounds, set changes, props and more.

"Sound cues are unforgiving," Vicary said. "The audience should never really notice the sound; it should just blend in. We try to make sure it's not too loud, or too quiet. If you notice it, it's wrong."

The group that works behind the scenes is known as the "crew" of the Grosse Pointe Performing Art Center.

"They spend more time in the scene shop working, than [the cast] does rehearsing," said Michelle Stackpoole, co-director.

It is a crew of 18 that consists of student and parent volunteers. The group does backstage work for schools throughout the district.

"We are the cultural hub of Grosse Pointe," Vicary joked. "We work on plays throughout the entire district."

One of the most important behind-the-scenes jobs is the stage manager. The stage manager for "South Pacific" is Michelle Agar, a junior at North.

"I'm in charge of most of

the cues, getting people to where they're supposed to be and making sure the play goes smoothly," Agar said. "I have to be very familiar with the show and take notes on everything."

Vicary describes working behind the scenes as "organized chaos." Sound effects, for the play, are being recorded and played back frequently. Lav mikes (small microphones that are pinned onto the actors' bodies) are being assigned. Sound and light cues are being noted. The crew is constantly sweeping and cleaning around the stage, preparing it for rehearsals.

Another part of the job is

to work with the director and come up with the idea for each play's set. When they agree on the set, it is once again the Grosse Pointe Performing Art Center's responsibility to see that it's built on time and under the budget.

"For (South Pacific) Michelle Stackpoole came up with a plan using crates and boxes for the set," Vicary said. "So, the whole show is taking place through these boxes and palm trees."

A play like "South Pacific" takes months in advance to prepare, practice and set up for. Often times preparation for a play like this can date as far back as a year before the actual opening date.

"We started picking the play a year ago, and we started training the crew in August," said Vicary.

It takes a lot of personal commitment to work behind the scenes.

"We live here," Agar said. "It's our home away from home."

These are the people who are still working long after everybody else has gone home.

"They started building the sets before Christmas break," Stackpoole said. "They're often in on Saturdays and Sundays. They usually stay another hour after we (the cast) leave."

Costumes and props are usually handled by parent volunteers, and the actors pay a costume fee. "South Pacific" takes place on a Pacific island during World War II, and therefore the costumes must match that criteria.

"For this show we rented some military uniforms and also bought some costumes at second hand shops," Stackpoole said.

All the work that the crew has been doing for the past few months leads up to the performance night.

"During performance

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**The leads of "South Pacific" (from left) are Matt Shelton, Kristen Landsiedel, Michelle El-Hosni, Kelly Ritter and Drew Blohm.**

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## GP South's art fest features the best

Elements of good design can be found at Grosse Pointe South's 24th Art Fest which runs from Tuesday, March 15, through Friday, March 18, in South's auditorium.

On display will be several hundred pieces of work done by high school students in the mediums of drawings, paintings, computer graphics, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, photography, fibers and metal.

Announcing the event is a poster designed by senior Mitch Pangborn. He incorporated elements of good design, according to Marcy Carbone of South's art department. "He used pictures of ceramic pieces done, concepts and materials and manipulated them to create the image for his poster."

With the required text, Pangborn's poster announces the art-fest to be held in the newly restored auditorium. The festival will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. March 15, 16 and 17 and from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, March 18.

Purchased art may be picked up on Friday, March 18, from noon to 3 p.m. in Cleminson Hall. Students selling their work will donate 20 percent of the proceeds to the Robert R. Rathbun Memorial Fund, established for scholarships, art awards or enrichment activities for students. Personal donations may also be made to the fund.



Photo by Ann L. Fouty

The Parcels Mathcounts team include in the front row from left, Jamie Ding, Matthew Vengalil, Nathan Vengalil, Matheus Simoes, Kevin Cooper, and Lydia Fuller. In the back row, from left, Shuaib Raza, Will Colding, Balazs Juhasz, Michael Matula and David Ulmer. Christopher Pokladek is also a member but not photographed.

## Math means more than counting

The Parcels Mathcounts team topped the charts — and the graphs, the algebra and the equations, as well.

The team of Jamie Ding, Matthew Vengalil, Will Colding and Matheus Simoes took on other middle schools during the annual Mathcounts Chapter Competition Saturday, Feb. 19, and won the right to compete at the state championship on March 19 at the GM Tech Center.

Vengalil also finished first in the Countdown portion of the competition and took home a third-place individual trophy.

Ding received a second-place individual trophy.

This is the second year in a row that Vengalil has won the Chapter Competition, having won in 2004 as a sixth-grader. He is eligible to compete one more year, as an eighth-grader in 2006.

As the students were driving to the University of Michigan Dearborn campus, they said they were more excited to compete rather than being nervous about the prospects of facing students from 17 schools including Carlton Middle School in Warren, Frost Middle School in Dearborn and East Middle School in Plymouth/Canton.

The competition began at 9 a.m. with two individual tests, the Sprint Round and the Target Round followed by the Team Round. The Countdown Round finished off the day, where students went one-against-one to complete problems.

The Target Round was the easiest, the members say, because, with a calculator, they tackle story problems and polynomials.

All agreed the hardest portion of the competition was the first event of the day, the Sprint Round. Here students had 40 minutes to answer 30 questions, without the aid of a calculator.

With a large lead three-quarters of the way through the event, sponsors allowed Ding to leave so he could compete in the Macomb Daily Regional Spelling Bee. He won for the second consecutive year and will represent Michigan in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

Coach Alan Silverston had his Mathcounts team well prepared.

"These students are so dedicated to learning math that they attend practice sessions every day after school. They study long and hard, and the results of the competition are a great reward. Now we have to work even harder to prepare for the state championship in March," he said.

"Former Mathcounts students often return to Parcels to help prepare new team members for competition because they want to emphasize the importance of math in today's global economy," Silverston said.

Mathcounts questions align with grades six through eight curricula and include problems designed to challenge and accelerate students' learning.

Questions become progressively more difficult at each level of competition, with possible topics of algebra, geometry, charts, graphs and tables, logic, computation, measurement, consumer math, number theory, equations and inequalities, probability, equivalent expressions, statistics and estimation and approximation.

Silverston is looking forward to next year's team when Vengalil's fifth-grade brother, Nathan, and Ding's fifth-grade sister, Jessie, will be eligible for the team.

According to Silverston,

the mission of Mathcounts is to increase enthusiasm for and enhance achievement in middle school math throughout the United States.

And he seems to have done that as budding math teachers, architects, engineers, bioengineers, mathematicians, and explosive specialists as they recite math classes they are taking: high school precalculus, algebra II, high school geometry, and honors algebra.

They term it "mental power."

These are the next generation of mathematicians, Silverston said, proudly.

## Board offers another retirement plan for staff

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe employees have a second retirement investment option. The board of education approved the institution of a deferred compensation plan, generally referred to as a 457(b).

Larry Lobert, director of human resources explained to the board during the Feb. 7 meeting that this plan would be in addition to the retirement plan already in place.

Money set aside in a 457(b) plan will be pretax dollars.

"It doubles the investment opportunity for the employee," he said.

Presently, employees can use the 403(b) tax-sheltered annuities.

"It's a benefit to the employees and will cost the district nothing," Lobert said of this additional retirement savings plan.

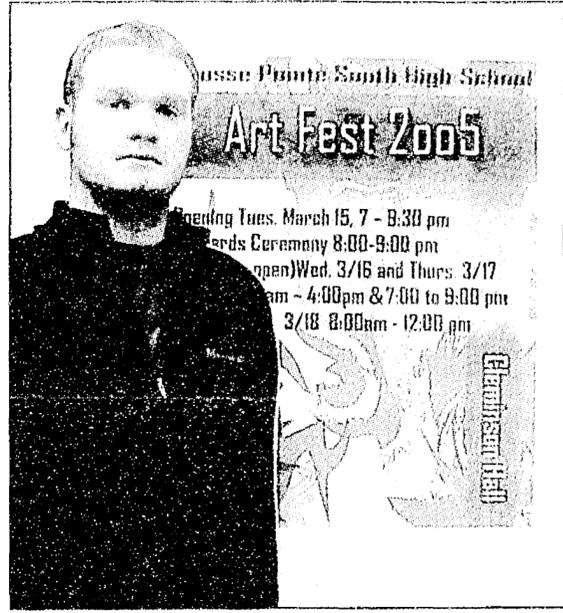
Lobert said he anticipates that those nearing retirement are the most likely to take advantage of the deferred comp plan because they have more available income to invest.

When employees retire and are ready to use the funds set aside in the 457(b), it will be taxed. However, it will be a lower rate because of their retirement status, he continued.

A bonus to the district, should this option be adopted, Lobert said, would be that it would attract and retain qualified employees.

"It's the right thing to do for our folks," he said.

A staff question-and-answer meeting is scheduled for March 4.



Photos courtesy Grosse Pointe South

The poster announcing the 24th Grosse Pointe South Art Fest was created by Mitch Pangborn. To see Pangborn's art, as well as creations by other Grosse Pointe South students, attend the art fest from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. March 15, 16 and 17 and from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, March 18.

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## Girls Just Want To Have Fun!

The Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center invites you to come celebrate our third annual Girls Just Want To Have Fun! Night on Friday, March 4th from 6-10 P.M. at the Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores. The event benefits mental health and community programs on Detroit's eastside. Girls Just Want To Have Fun! Night is designed to be a memorable experience and will feature live entertainment, delicious food, and dozens of unique shopping opportunities.

Event tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores or The League Shop in Grosse Pointe Farms or by calling Lynne Maxwell at 313-822-1127. For corporate sponsorship opportunities call Mary Ann Bauman at 313-585-6371 or visit [www.alnecg.org](http://www.alnecg.org).

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## Seventh-grader has word power

By Ann L. Fouty  
Staff Writer

Grace Ward knows the meaning of the word power. But then she knows the meaning of a plethora of terms.

The seventh-grader at St. Clare of Montefalco has qualified to represent her class at the state level of the Reader's Digest Word Power Challenge.

She said the competition among her classmates was tough knowing that in order to move to the state level she had to achieve first place among all the seventh graders.

"I knew most of the words," she said of the test in which she had to know definitions, as well as selecting synonyms and antonyms.

Ward credits her father, a member of the Detroit Zoo's professional staff, with introducing her to the world of books, hence learning words and their definitions.

"My Dad read the 'Lord of the Rings' series to me when I was five or six," she said of the books by J.R.R. Tolkien. "I've read it once since."

She continues to enjoy Tolkien's writings having read a "couple" other books he has written, as well as his poetry.



Photo by Ann L. Fouty  
Grace Ward

Generally she said, she jumps from one book to another, usually mystery, but has no favorite author.

Using her command of the language, Ward has joined the school's forensics team and chose impromptu speaking. Here she must speak on a topic in under three minutes.

Having attended one meet in December, she was faced with three topics to speak on: How Americans use SUVs and their effect on the environment; Jessica Simpson's stage behavior; and what children can do to protect the environment.

Choosing the SUV topic, Ward took first place using the argument that the high-powered vehicles use too much gas, are driven in the city and are detrimental to the environment.

Obviously, it was knowing the right words which helped her achieve both a first place in the forensic contest and the word power challenge.



Photo courtesy Grosse Pointe South Choir Department

## Showstoppers

Grosse Pointe South Honor Choir will be the featured honor choir for the Showstoppers National Competition, National Show Choir Finals on March 23 at New York City's Marriott Marquis. The choir has been National Grand Champions in 1997, 1998 and 1999, under the direction of Ellen J. Bowen and choreographer Andy Haines. The community can see and hear the award-winning choir at a 2 p.m. performance on Sunday, March 20, at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available at Posterity Art Gallery. The cost is \$15 for main floor seating and \$10 for balcony. Students and senior citizen tickets cost \$8. Groups of 10 or more may attend the concert for \$5 by calling Julie Smith at (313) 432-3638.

In the first row from left, Anne Marie Nouhan, Andrea Deck, Nikki Kuriy, Jacqueline Vesey, Danicelle Eiskens, Mycha Artis, Kimberly Stevens. Second row from left, Shannon Petz, Chuck Sullivan, Chris Muhich, Paul Manganello, M. Davis Smith, Galen Calligan, Chris Veila, Nadia Harris, Tripp Kennedy. Third row from left, Natalie Humphry, Peter Wilton, Stacie Werthmann, Steven Cox, Sarah Winder-Chavey, Sean Grabowski, Alex Koch, Sara Forni, Elijah Deogracias, Fiona Spezia, Dave Richardson-Rossbach, Kristen Saelens. Fourth row from left, Suzanne Wrobel, Taylor Huber, Carrie Fisk, Kerri Marowske, Sam Hull, Peter Stevens, Isabella Scofield, Cole Powers, Emily Holm, Alexandra Stencel, and Elise Amato. Fifth row from left, Alliya Samhat, Elke Janeway, Elizabeth Buda, Stephen Repicky, Thomas Smale, Kelly Ronney, Daniel Morency, Hillary Kay, and Kelly Withers. Sixth row from left, Austin Chrzanowski, Emma Roy, Michael Manos, Kristen Kaselitz, Nick Hathaway, Kirsten Johnson, Ben Maters, Alyssa Wilson and Gabriel Camero.

## Information day for Regina and Notre Dame

Regina High School and Notre Dame High School have scheduled concurrent Information Days for fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students and their parents from 1 to 3 p.m. on

Sunday, March 13.

It's never too early to start thinking about high schools.

Each school will present relevant information about academic programs, entrance requirements, athletics, extracurricular activities, tuition, scholarships, tuition assistance, and financial aid. Regina is a college preparatory school

for young women; Notre Dame is a college preparatory school for young men, and both are located next door to each other on Kelly Road in Harper Woods.

For more information call Stacy Ziarko at Regina (313) 526-0220, ext. 285 or Richard Kuhn at Notre Dame (313) 371-8965, ext. 124.



Photo by Ann L. Fouty  
Jonathan Henderson and Gina Valgoi

## Three St. Clare students win essay contest

Three St. Clare of Montefalco School students have been named local winners of the 36th annual America & Me Essay contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Jonathan Henderson earned the first place award, and his essay now advances to the state level, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected.

Henderson wrote about his grandfather, Clarence Wayne Henderson, who died in 2000. "He was the head of the Lions International and traveled around the world helping the blind," Henderson said of his grandfather.

Gina Valgoi was given second place, and in third place was Sophie Trautschold.

All three received award certificates for their essays. Valgoi's essay topic was S.E. Hinton who wrote "The Outsiders" in 1967. She is best known as a writer of young adult fiction.

The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced

in April, will receive plaques, cash and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top 10 essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, will meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders and will be the featured guests at a Lansing Lagnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan governmental official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top two statewide winners will determine the ranking of the top 10 winners this year.

Several thousand eighth-graders from more than 500 Michigan schools participated in the 2004-05 America & Me Essay Contest. This year's topic was "My American Hero."

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth-graders, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future.

## Musical

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night you've got high adrenaline, and everybody's very excited," said Agar. "The best part is when you can just turn around and laugh at something."

On the night of the play, the audience is usually oblivious to the behind-the-scenes crew, but the truth is that they are all around them. There are several control rooms to which the members of the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center must report. The sound board is right in the middle of the audience, front and center. The light board is in a booth upstairs, while the stage manager and his or her crew stand on the wings of the stage (the far left and right sides.) The fly

guys position themselves directly above the stage, where they are responsible for line sets that control battens above the stage.

"There is a crew call an hour before the curtain comes up," Vicary said. "We do some cleaning, setting up, make-up, costumes, and check all the props. Then once it's time to start, we call places, and you hear that overture starting."

Grosse Pointe North presents "South Pacific" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3, and 8 p.m. Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5. Tickets are \$8 for the balcony and \$12 for the main floor. They are available at Wild Birds Unlimited, by calling (313) 884-2462, or at the door.



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Melanie Wegner, the assistant stage manager for "South Pacific," sets up a clothesline on the set, for a dress rehearsal.

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William Johnston Adams

### William Johnston Adams

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident William Johnston Adams, 70, of Detroit died on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005.

He was born in Detroit on Nov. 24, 1934, to William M. and Sara (Johnston) Adams. He led a life based on integrity, generosity and compassion. He always had time to offer guidance, a listening ear and a helping hand.

Throughout his 45-year career as a certified public accountant, Mr. Adams mentored a countless number of young people.

He received his bachelor's degree in business administration in 1957, and his master's degree in business administration in 1958 from the University of Michigan Business School. While at U of M, he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. In his senior year, he was the president of the Student Council and elected to membership in Michiganama, a prestigious recognition of his multiple campus activities outside the classroom.

He began his career at Arthur Andersen shortly after graduating from U of M and worked his way up to partner in 1970. Even after he retired in 1990, he continued to work as a tax and financial consultant with the firm until 2002.

Mr. Adams was an active member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA). He served as a member of the MACPA board of directors and on its Political Action Committee. He was the longtime chair of its Governmental Affairs Committee. He was awarded the MACPA Distinguished Service Award, which honors those who have contributed significantly to the CPA profession, in 1972.

At the time of his death, he was board chairman of Detroit Executive Service Corps (DESC), a volunteer organization that helps non-profit agencies, public schools and government organizations solve manage-

ment problems. In 2002, he was given the Robert F. McGill Leadership Award for outstanding leadership within DESC and the community.

Mr. Adams held numerous volunteer positions, including serving as a Grosse Pointe School Board member, Junior Achievement Adviser, junior hockey coach and sailing instructor at both the Detroit Yacht Club and the Detroit Boat Club.

His other volunteer activities included: contributing to international trade in southeast Michigan for more than 20 years as the chairman of Greater Detroit Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., serving as president of Civic Searchlight, and serving as chairman of the Paton Advisory Board for Excellence in Accounting Education at the University of Michigan Business School, a post he held since 1997.

Mr. Adams was the lead person for the worldwide Andersen firm seeking financial support from Michigan alumni for the University of Michigan. He took great satisfaction from this, noting that the firm had the largest base of U of M alumni partners and managers of all of the major accounting firms.

If anything rivaled his passion for volunteering and the CPA profession, it was his love for sailing. He was member of the Bayview Yacht Club, the Detroit Boat Club, the Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association and a former member of the Detroit Yacht Club.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Wolcott Adams; his son, William D. "Dave"; his granddaughter, Rebecca L. Adams; his brothers, John M. Adams and Richard N. Adams; and his sisters, Elizabeth Kirsten and Anne Adams.

A memorial gathering will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 5, at Sindbad's Restaurant, 100 St. Clair Avenue, Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice; The Detroit Executive Service Corps Endowment Fund, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 390, Southfield, MI 48075; to the William J. Adams Scholarship Fund, University of Michigan Business School, c/o Ross School of Business, 701 Tappan Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109; or to The Michigan Accountancy Foundation William J. Adams Scholarship Fund, C/O the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, 5480 Corporate Dr., Suite 200, PO Box 5068, Troy, MI 48007-5068.

### Mary F. Beaupre

Mary F. Beaupre, 97, died on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, at Bon Secours Place in St. Clair Shores.



Mary F. Beaupre

She was born on Aug. 28, 1907, in Detroit to Joseph and Ella Krausmann. Mr. Krausmann was a builder in Detroit. He built the David Stott Building, the original Bon Secours Hospital, Kerby School, and several other buildings in Detroit and several Grosse Pointe homes.

She graduated from St. Ambrose High School.

Mrs. Beaupre was a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Altar Society and the Austin Mother's Club.

She is survived by her sons, David and Paul (Mary), her grandchildren, Deborah Fish; Richard Jr., Michael and Jeffrey Allor; Cynthia Stolarz; Lizbeth Hyde; Casey Walker; and Russell III, James, Charles and Andrew Beaupre; her 17 great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Isabelle Barry, Betty Gallagher and Joan Gippich.

She was predeceased by her husband, Russell J. Beaupre; her daughter, Barbara Allor; and her son, Russell Jr.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Feb. 26 at St. Paul Catholic Church. Interment is in St. Paul Catholic Church Columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201.

### Emma F. Bloink



Emma F. Bloink

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Emma F. Bloink, 90, died on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005.

She was born on Nov. 21, 1914, in Detroit.

She is survived by her daughter, Gayl Lehman; her sons, Jimmie Jr. and Robert Bloink; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jimmie Bloink.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Feb. 26 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

Entombment is at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201.

### Mary Kelkenney Frutig

Former Grosse Pointe resident Mary Kelkenney Frutig, 88, died on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, in San Diego, Calif.

She was the owner of a successful Detroit dance school, and lived in Grosse Pointe Farms for 30 years until General Motors Corp. transferred her husband to the company's Minneapolis Training Center in 1969.

She was born in Detroit, and studied sociology at Michigan State College (now University) and the University of Michigan until her junior year in 1935 when she decided that her

interest and ambition was in the world of ballet.

She studied for two years at the prestigious School of the American Ballet in New York City, and opened a dance school in the living room of her parents' east side Detroit home. The Kelkenney School of Dance grew quickly. After six months, she moved to a studio on Grand Avenue where she offered classes in ballet, tap and ballroom dancing until the attack on Pearl Harbor propelled the United States into World War II.

She met her husband, William Arnold Frutig, in 1939, and they were married at the Martha-Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village two weeks before the Army ordered him to report for battle duty.

Their early married life was the story of the greatest generation. As her husband served two long stints in the European theater, she wrestled with gas rations and food stamps and maintained their home in Grosse Pointe Farms.

While he was in London during the Blitz, their first child, William Edward, was born. Six months before the Battle of the Bulge, where he was awarded a Bronze Star, Mrs. Frutig welcomed their second child, Judith Kay.

At war's end, when he returned home for good, after serving among the American forces that liberated France and Germany, and documenting the first evidence of atrocities in the Nazi death camps, Mrs. Frutig greeted him with their third child, Jennifer Weeks.

After the war, Mrs. Frutig was active in the Grosse Pointe community. In the 1950s, she taught dance in the Grosse Pointe public schools as part of an expanded program of art and physical education, while Mr. Frutig pursued a career in the auto industry and rose to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Throughout her long life, Mrs. Frutig's primary focus was on her family and church. She was a second generation Christian Scientist, and member of The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass., for 73 years. She and her husband were founding members of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Grosse Pointe Farms, where she served as second reader, Sunday school superintendent, reading room librarian and member of the executive board.

The Frutigs retired to Rancho Bernardo, Calif., in 1977. After her husband's death in 1996, she lived in Orange County for the remaining nine years of her life.

She is survived by her daughters, Judith Frutig of Costa Mesa, and Dr. Jennifer Frutig, also of Costa Mesa.

A memorial service was held Feb. 26, in Newport Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Frutig will be interred with her husband at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

### James C. Hazlett Jr.



James C. Hazlett Jr.

James C. Hazlett Jr., 61, died on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at his home in Grosse Pointe Park.

He was born on Aug. 23, 1943, in Wheeling, W. Va., to

the late Rose McKennan Hazlett and James C. Hazlett.

He was proud of his ancestor, Charles Hazlett, who in 1863 commanded Hazlett's Battery that held Little Round Top which was an important battle that turned the tide for the Civil War.

Dr. Hazlett graduated from Kenyon College with a Bachelors of Science degree in 1966, and from Ohio State University with a Doctorate degree in 1971.

He was the assistant dean for basic science curriculum and a professor in the anatomy and cell biology department at Wayne State University.

He was an avid fisherman who especially enjoyed fly-fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Dondero Hazlett; his son, James C. Hazlett III; his grandson, James C. Hazlett IV; and his sisters, Anne Foreman and Rose Hazlett.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Feb. 25 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wayne State University, School of Medicine, the J.C. Hazlett Memorial Fund.

### Warren Ferguson Jones

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Warren Ferguson Jones, 76, died on Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, at St. John Hospital.

He was born on April 24, 1928, in Detroit to the late Ernest and Beatrice Jones.

Mr. Jones was co-owner of Thomas Hardware Co., in Grosse Pointe Farms. Though he was in his late 70s, he continued to work full time at his store.

While the store was originally a general hardware store, its focus gradually shifted to sailing in the 1950s. During the 1960s the store was moved from Detroit to Grosse Pointe. In 1969, the store expanded to 4,000 square feet.

Mr. Jones and his store saved more than one boat in his day with a vast inventory of products and more important the knowledge to get the job done.

He was a member of Bayview Yacht Club and an avid foot racing boat.

His other interests included NASCAR racing and his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne Valerie Shobe Jones; his sons, Mark (Jennifer), Michael and Todd (Brynn); his grandchildren, Christopher, Calvin, Olivia and Griffin; and his brother, H. Burton Jones.

A memorial gathering was held on March 1 at the Bayview Yacht Club.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Loan Closet, 1131 Timberview Trail, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-1550.

### Emma Marie



Emma Marie Kaltenbach

### Kaltenbach

Emma Marie Kaltenbach, 87, died on Thursday Dec. 9, 2004, in Bon Secours Nursing Home in St. Clair Shores.

Mrs. Kaltenbach was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, having moved there in 1948.

She was born on Jan. 11, 1917, in Germany to the late Jacob and Rosa Schmid. She graduated from Eastern

High School in Detroit.

Mrs. Kaltenbach was a mother and a homemaker who was a member of Grosse Pointe Senior Citizens.

She is survived by her daughters, Ruth Rothenburg, Susan (Fred) Leitert, and Linda (Ron) Kirkpatrick; her grandchildren, Carol Phillips, Laura Jones, Andy and Paul Leitert, and Carol and Tom Kirkpatrick; her great-grandchildren, Declan and Bennett Jones, and Carl and Jacob Leitert; and her brother, Jack Schmid.

She was predeceased by her husband, George Kaltenbach who died in 2000 and her sister, Freda Schlierf.

A private memorial service was held on Jan. 9, at Christ The King Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

### Frederick Reid



Frederick Reid Keydel

### Keydel

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Frederick Reid Keydel, 76, died on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005, at his home after a 15-year struggle with Parkinson's disease.

Born May 8, 1928, Mr. Keydel grew up in Indian Village, Detroit. He was the son of the late Miriam and Oscar Keydel. He graduated from Cranbrook School in 1945, Yale University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1949, and University of Michigan Law School in 1952 where he belonged to the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1954, as a Judge Advocate and attained the rank of first lieutenant.

Until his retirement in December 2003, Mr. Keydel was one of the principal partners with the Detroit law firm Joslyn Keydel & Wallace, LLP having been with the firm for 52 years.

Mr. Keydel was a member of the Detroit Country Club, the Detroit Club, and the Detroit Athletic Club.

He and his family mered at Pointe Barques in Port Austin, 1952. He donated significant amounts of his time to 1993 and by serving as the secretary of the Pointe Aux Barques community by serving as the association's secretary from 1963 to 1966.

Mr. Keydel achieved national recognition in the estate planning field, having written and lectured extensively on estate and trust topics throughout the United States. He was the author of numerous articles in professional publications. Over the course of his career, Mr. Keydel presented lectures and papers to various legal organizations. He is listed in the publication "The Best Lawyers in America."

Mr. Keydel was a visiting adjunct professor with the University of Miami School of Law LL.M program in Estate Planning from 1975 to 1985. He was an active member of numer

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ous professional organizations including: the Advisory Committee of the University of Miami Estate Planning Institute, the American Bar Association (ABA), the American College of Tax Counsel, the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (participating on the Board of Regents from 1979 to 1985, the Executive Committee from 1982 to 1984, and the Editorial Board from 1977 to 2005), the American Law Institute (Life Member, 1985), the Financial and Estate Planning Council of Metropolitan Detroit (president, from 1983 to 1984), and the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law (Executive Council member).

As a member of the American Bar Association, Mr. Keydel made significant contributions to the profession's understanding of estate tax law. From 1977 to 1981, he was a member of the Council of the ABA Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, serving as the section secretary during his last year, 1981. From 1993 to 1996, he served as an ABA representative on the National Conference of Lawyers and Corporate Fiduciaries. From 1980 to 2001, Mr. Keydel served as liaison for the ABA Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, to the ABA Section of Taxation.

Mr. Keydel was a devoted husband and father. He was married to Roberta Latzer of St. Louis and would have celebrated his 53rd wedding anniversary on March 15.

He is survived by his wife; his three children, Janet Lawson of Concord, Mass., William Keydel of Denver, Colo., and Thomas Keydel of Boston, Mass.; his seven grandchildren; his brother, John Keydel of Old Saybrook, Conn.; and his sister, Cynthia Huebner of Grosse Pointe.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 12, at 2:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 30161 Southfield Road, Suite 119, Southfield, MI 48076, Phone: (800) 852-9781. See <http://www.parkinsonsmi.org> for additional information.



Wanda Luella Leith

### Wanda Luella Leith

Wanda Luella Leith, 77, of Grosse Pointe Park died on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, after a lengthy illness.

She and her husband, William Leith, were married on Aug. 13, 1951. They attended Western Michigan University where she received a bachelor's degree and did postgraduate work at Wayne State University where she received a master's degree and worked 20 hours toward her doctorate degree.

Mrs. Leith was an occupational therapist specializing in working with handicapped children. She retired from the Utica School District in 1994. She had worked at United Cerebral Palsy in Detroit and was a

member of the POHI therapy group at Giddings Elementary School in Sterling Heights.

She and her husband were members of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. She was very active in the church serving as a deacon, as a member of a women's sewing group, an ecumenical Bible study group, a monthly luncheon group named OWLS (older, wiser and learning still), and several other church activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Leith traveled extensively with Nomads, a travel group at Metro Airport. Their travels included most of Europe and the Mediterranean. Her favorites were to Egypt where they traveled by boat along the Nile River and to Greece, the Greek Islands and Turkey, especially Ephesus and Istanbul.

She is survived by her husband, William; her children, Randal, Kristann, Tamara and David; her grandchildren, Vincent, Bosch and Escher Leith, and Erin, Kelsey and Brendan Treanore.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 22 at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment is in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Columbarium.



Pamela Turner McClelland

### Pamela Turner McClelland

Pamela T. McClelland, 85, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. McClelland was born in 1920 to the late James Turner and Pamela Tappay Turner in Indian Village in Detroit. She attended Grosse Pointe Country Day School, the Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., for which she played a prominent role in the Alumnae Society, and Smith College in Northampton, Mass. She also spent a year at the Sorbonne in Paris.

During World War II, she worked for American Airlines, then headquartered at City Airport, helping the transfer of ferry pilots for military service.

She was the devoted and loving wife of James F. McClelland Jr. of Greenwich, Conn., whom

she married in June 1945. After living several years in Grosse Pointe, they moved to New Haven, Conn., where she co-founded and ran the Junior League Shop. She was active in Foote School, in several charities and public services. She was an avid tennis and paddle tennis player and bridge devotee, as well as an enthusiastic hostess for many friends and Yale events.

In 1959, she moved with her family back to Grosse Pointe Farms. Here, apart from her family and wonderful friends, her true loves were community service, bridge, tennis, fishing, and gardening. She was a member of the Huron Mountain Club, Jupiter Island Club, the Grosse Pointe Club, Fontinalis Club, the Country Club of Detroit, and the New Haven Lawn Club.

Mrs. McClelland was on the board of directors of the Children's Home of Detroit for 39 years and a trustee of the Neighborhood Club. She also was active in the Garden Club of Michigan, Tau Beta, and Planned Parenthood.

She is survived by her children, Pamela K. McClelland and James F. McClelland III, both of Washington, D.C.

She was predeceased by her husband. A memorial service was held on March 2 at Christ Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236; the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 or the Huron Mountain Wildlife Foundation, Attn: Coaster Brook Trout Project, 5075 Warren Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

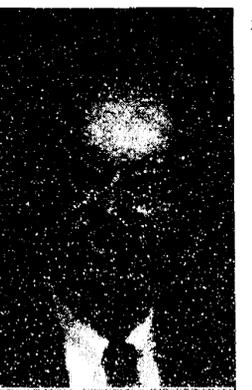
### Alfred Butterfield Moran II

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Alfred Butterfield Moran II, 85, died on Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, of renal failure at SCCI Inc. in Detroit.

A lifelong resident of Detroit and Grosse Pointe, Mr. Moran was a descendant of the prominent French Moran family, for whom Moran Road in Grosse Pointe Farms is named. His ancestors were among Detroit's and Grosse Pointe's original settlers.

His wife of 54 years, Ruth Switzer Moran, died on Feb. 4, 2005.

Mr. Moran was a vice president and stockbroker with A.G. Edwards & Co., Troy, until a stroke felled him on Dec. 10. He began his investment career as a runner for Watling, Lerchen & Co., a Detroit brokerage firm, after he came home



Alfred Butterfield Moran II

from World War II, eventually rising to president and chief executive. A.G. Edwards acquired Watling in 1977.

An avid athlete, civic leader and family man, Mr. Moran stopped roller-blading, snow- and water-skiing only two years ago. He still swam and walked every day.

"Our father was a lion of a man, with a heart to match. He was extremely generous, hilarious without trying to be so, and the beloved patriarch of our family," said his children, Sarah Moran Martin and Jeffrey Schmidt Moran.

A former elder and a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church when he died, Mr. Moran served as the church endowment's investment adviser for more than three decades. He also guided investments for the Grosse Pointe Farms employee pension fund.

Mr. Moran grew up in Detroit, Oscoda and Grosse Pointe, graduating from Grosse Pointe High School in 1937. He graduated from then-Michigan State College in 1941 with a business administration degree, then became a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army 18th Air Force Special Division. During World War II, he was a glider pilot and supply chief in Bournemouth, Great Britain.

Mr. Moran was a member of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Bayview Yacht Club, Nomads, Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Public Television, Detroit Economic Club, Phi Delta Theta, National Association of Securities Dealers and the Walloon Lake Association, where he and his family have a second home.

He is survived by his two children, Sarah Moran (Thomas C.) Martin of Philadelphia, Pa., and Jeffrey Schmidt (Patricia A.) Moran of Denver, Colo.; six grandchildren; and two sisters, Annette von Starck of Bryn Mawr, Pa., and Betty Powell of Beaver, Pa.

A joint memorial service

for Mr. and Mrs. Moran will be held at 1 p.m. on March 19, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, with a reception to follow at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ruth S. and Alfred B. Moran Fund for Macular Degeneration, Attn: Deniz Conger, Visual Rehabilitation & Research Center, Henry Ford Health System Office of Philanthropy, 1 Ford Place, Suite 5A, Detroit, MI 48202-9941.

he served as an instructor during World War II.

After the war, he went to work for B.F. Goodrich in Marietta, Ohio. It was during this time that he met his wife, Julianne LaVallee. They were married in 1950.

In 1956, he came to Detroit to work for Columbus Coated Fabrics, eventually leaving there in 1961 to establish a plastics manufacturing business that bears his name.

At the time of his death, he was still actively involved in the family business where he worked with two of his sons.

Mr. Murphy is survived by his wife of 54 years, Julianne; his sons, Thomas, Andrew, and John; and nine grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 5, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.



Paul Robert Murphy

### Paul Robert Murphy

Paul Robert Murphy, 83, of Grosse Pointe Farms died on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, in Sarasota, Fla.

Mr. Murphy was born on Nov. 7, 1921, in Newburyport, Mass., the youngest of Thomas and Mary Murphy's 11 children. He attended Harvard University and graduated in 1944.

After graduation, he entered the U.S. Navy where

### Brian Streck

Brian Streck died on Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, at his home in Grosse Pointe Park.

He was born to Win and Catherine Streck in Detroit.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree and Certified Public Accountant degree from Walsh College. He was employed as a C.P.A.

Mr. Streck was a member of the Lochmoor Club. He enjoyed boating, freight watching and cooking.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela "Chops" Streck; his son, Alexander; his sister, Heidi (Jeffrey) Sargeant;

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# The best Jeep you can't buy in California

By Bruce Hotchkiss

I recently spent a week in what may be the best Jeep, definitely the best Jeep Liberty that Californians cannot buy, at least now. The 2005 Jeep Liberty Common Rail Diesel (CRD) does not

meet California's strict oxides of nitrogen (NOx) emission standards. Too bad, this is one heck of a nice Jeep.

The CRD is a 2.8-liter, inline, DOHC, 16-valve, four-cylinder, turbocharged,

diesel. It uses a "common" fuel rail, like multi-point gasoline fuel injection systems. Unlike gasoline engines, the diesel runs fuel pressure at 23,000 pounds per square inch (PSI). This allows more precise metering of the fuel, which results in lower emissions and higher fuel economy.

The CRD has approximately 20 percent lower carbon dioxide emissions than other diesel engines, important in reducing greenhouse gases. It uses an exhaust gas recirculation valve and a catalytic converter to meet federal emission standards. Unfortunately, due to the relative poor quality of diesel fuel in this country (some Third World countries offer cleaner diesel fuel than we can buy), it is tough to get a diesel to meet California's tough NOx standards.

Like most diesels, the CRD makes an impressive amount of torque, the grunt that is needed to climb mountains. How is 295 pound-feet of torque at 1,800 rpm? Compare that to the V6 with 235 at 4,000 rpm.

The CRD is rated at 22 miles per gallon in the city, and 27 on the highway. The diesel's rating was just about dead-on by my reckoning. I drove the Liberty CRD to Las Vegas and back, moving along with traffic. Even at 80 mph or better I averaged almost 25 mpg. The CRD's fuel economy is rated better than the base 2.4-liter, DOHC, gasoline 4-cylinder, or the 3.7-liter, SOHC V6.

The only downside, at least for me, is that the CRD is not available with a manual transmission. Not that the 5-speed automatic is not up to the task, it's just that the "wannabe" truck driver in me would like to row through the gears just like the big rigs.

The Liberty has not changed much since its introduction in 2002 but there are subtle changes to the exterior. The three Liberty trim levels all have specific touches. The Sport has a body color grille, a "twin-tube" look bumper, a new side sill to protect the body sides from road "blast."

The Liberty Limited is the top of the line (and the one I drove). Fog lamps are stan-



Photo courtesy of Jeep Internet Media

The 2005 Jeep Liberty Diesel

dard and there's more chrome. It is the cushiest of the Libertys.

For those out there who like to go "wheelin'" there is the Liberty Renegade, with a flatter hood, large free-standing fog lamps with black bezels, tow hooks, and bolt-on fender flares that give the Renegade a tougher, rougher look.

Unlike some others, Jeep does not build its 4-WD vehicles with an eye toward suburban life and the possibility of the occasional trip to Tahoe. Jeep builds its vehicles first for the inaccessible. All Liberty 4x4s are "Trail Rated," an appellation that means they pass a specific set of tests designed to show they could handle the tough stuff. Maybe you won't tackle the Rubicon, but if you should find yourself on an unplowed snowy road, you've got a better chance of making it to Grandma's house than your neighbor.

How about the inside, you

ask? Do not expect Spartan digs, especially in the Limited. You won't feel like you are roughing it, nor will your passengers. Standard features to comfort you include a six-way power driver's seat, premium door trim, and a good sound system. Leather, upgraded sound system, and other amenities are optional.

The Liberty will seat five in comfort and hold most of their luggage inside. There is 29 cubic feet of storage behind the back seat. If you fold the rear seat down there is 69 cubic feet. Of course there's always the roof racks if you need more space.

All of this should amaze you because the Liberty is not a large vehicle. It is only 174.4 inches long, just 3.4 inches longer than the Jeep Wrangler, and at 71.6 inches wider, it is 3.3 inches wider. So the Liberty won't fit exactly where the Wrangler will but you will have more elbow room — and more on-

road stability too.

Do not expect the Liberty to tow your horse trailer regardless of engine. Its maximum rating is 5,000 pounds. This is more likely a result of its size than any lack of pulling power. Generally a heavier trailer will also be longer so you'd end up with the tail wagging the dog more or less. Not conducive to peaceful trips.

The prices for the CRD are a touch high but for the extra money up front you get better fuel economy and no tuneups. The Liberty CRD Limited 4x4 is \$27,355; the Liberty CRD Sport 4x4 is \$25,125.

For those Californians who would like to buy a Liberty CRD, sorry, state law says you cannot buy one out of state and bring it into California — unless it has more than 7,500 miles on the odometer.

— AutoWire

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan  
Wayne County

## BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The Property Assessment Roll of the City of Grosse Pointe, Wayne County, Michigan, for the year 2005 has been compiled. The estimated State Equalization Factor for 2005 is 1.0000 Residential and 1.0000 Commercial. The taxable value increase is limited to 2.3% unless ownership of the property was transferred in 2004. Therefore, in accordance with the General Property Tax Laws of the State of Michigan and Section 35, of the City Charter, as amended:

The Board of Review  
will meet  
Monday, March 21, 2005  
and  
Tuesday, March 22, 2005

March 21, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and  
March 22, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Such meeting will be held at the Municipal Offices,  
17147 Maumee.

Karen A. Johnson,  
Assessor

GPN: 03/03/05, 03/10/05, 03/17/05

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

## BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2005 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005  
From 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
and  
From 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

and

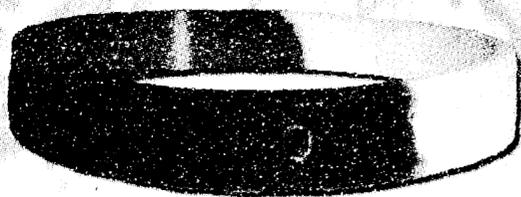
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2005  
From 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
and  
From 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236. Hearings will be scheduled by appointment by calling (313) 885-6600 extension 1252. You may also petition the Board in writing, letters must be in the office by Friday, March 25, 2005.

Timothy E. O'Donnell,  
City Assessor

GPN: 03/03/2005, 03/10/2005, 03/24/2005

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Almost half of all new cars sold in Europe have diesel engines — 60 percent in France and Spain. Plus, diesel engines can be found in:

- Virtually all cruise ships and sea freighters
- All freight rail locomotives and many passenger trains
- Ninety-five percent of all emergency vehicles, such as fire engines and ambulances, and all public transit buses, and
- Ninety-one percent of all heavy trucks and 60 percent of all school buses, which transport 14 million kids each day.

Experts say there's good reason for this popularity. For starters, diesels are fuel efficient. It's estimated that if everyone drove a diesel-powered vehicle, the United States would save at least 2 billion barrels of crude oil each year.

It's estimated that most drivers could buy a new car with the money they're likely to save in fuel costs over their lifetime — at least \$30,000, or \$500 each year.

Plus, it's likely the engine will outlast gasoline counterparts by tens of thousands of miles and won't need conventional tune-ups — only oil and filter changes.

Also, there's the convenience factor: more than one-third of all filling stations in the United States now offer diesel fuel.

This year, the Chrysler Group becomes the first North American-based manufacturer to offer a modern diesel engine in this market — the 2005 Jeep Liberty CRD.

The Jeep Liberty's clean-running 2.8 liter diesel engine will offer drivers the torque of a V-8, the acceleration of a V-6 and the fuel economy of a four-cylinder engine. It has a driving range of up to 500 miles between refueling stops.

It's expected that the vehicle will be received warmly by diesel enthusiasts.

## Grosse Pointe Township and Lake Township

### 2005 BOARD OF REVIEW SESSIONS

The Assessment Roll for the Township of Grosse Pointe, Wayne County and the Township of Lake, Macomb County, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan, for the year 2005 has been compiled. The tentative equalization rates for residential and commercial property is 1.00 and the estimated residential multiplier for 2005 is 1.00, and estimated commercial multiplier is 1.00. No increase will be reflected on assessments unless construction has been done to a home which would affect its value (assessment). The taxable increase for 2005 is 1.023 and will be applied to the 2004 taxable amount. The exception to this, is if there was a transfer of ownership, then the taxable and assessed amounts are the same. The Board of Review will hear official petitions on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
and  
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005  
1:00 to 4:30 p.m.  
and  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Board will meet in the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building (first floor), 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. All property owners wishing to appeal their assessments and wishing to file official petitions will be seen BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appointments may be made by calling 884-0234. Petitions by mail must be received by the Board PRIOR to the last session (3/14/05) so they may be reviewed in a timely manner. Additionally, the Assessor, Mr. Timothy O'Donnell, is available to meet with you every Monday afternoon. You may call 884-0234 for an appointment.

GPN: 2/24/05 & 3/03/05

## 17 suspensions

City of Grosse Pointe police said a 24-year-old Detroit man with a driving history of 17 current license suspensions and seven prior suspensions was caught Saturday, Feb. 26, at 4:50 p.m., operating a white 1995 Saturn four-door on west-bound Mack near Rivard.

A patrolman said there was no record of the Saturn's license plate.

"He also had multiple warrants," said the officer. Warrants included five traffic related offenses in Detroit, and one each in Dearborn and Ypsilanti.

## Charges carried a combined \$1,548 bond.

City police released the man when representatives of the other jurisdictions said they wouldn't take him into custody.

## Chevy Impala impounded

City of Grosse Pointe police impounded a black 1978 Chevrolet Impala that reportedly had been parked for an extended period of time in the 200 block of Rivard.

The vehicle was draped with a tarp and registered to a man from Grosse Pointe Park.

## FYI

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can do to stop the growth, but at 0.001 inches a year it will be a long time before you'll be able to tie them in a knot or tie them in a bow."

That's not encouraging news for a person who has no hair to hide them and was born with ears that stick out like the handles on a water jug. Of course, that condition makes them easier to see when I wiggle them for the amusement of small children.

Ben Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe is a professor in the journalism program at Wayne State University. He can be reached at burnsben@comcast.net or by phone at (313) 882-2810.

## Contract

From page 1

Health care costs have dramatically risen, and the negotiating members recognized that, said Larry Lobert, director of Human Resources for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Beginning April 1, teachers will pay an increase on their prescription cards. From the present \$3 to \$5 paid for prescriptions, the teachers agreed to pay \$7 for generic and \$15 per brand name prescription.

"This helps the union partner in holding down the high cost of explosive health care. It maintains the outstanding health care (benefit offered). It makes them look hard at generic (brands)," Lobert said.

The contract also included language in which the teachers agreed to move from traditional coverage to PPO, which Lobert termed as a saving.

## Middle school gathering March 19

Another middle school gathering will be held at the Grosse Pointe Woods Activities Building at Lake Front Park from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 19.

The event will feature a disc jockey, open basketball and wally ball, refreshments and unlimited access to pool, ping-pong, air hockey, dome hockey and shuffleboard.

Those wishing to attend may register at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park any day between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. by Wednesday, March 16. A student I.D. must be shown for admittance to the party.

The middle school gathering is sponsored by the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Woods departments of parks and recreation.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

### Too many beers

A 23-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man registered a .22 percent blood alcohol level upon investigation for drunken driving on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at about 2:30 a.m.

A Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officer reported seeing the man drive a dark green 1995 Subaru Legacy through a red light at east-bound Mack at Moross.

Police said the man admitted drinking "one beer."

When asked again, he reportedly said, "Two beers, like I said earlier."

While being given a breath test to measure his blood alcohol level, the man reportedly said to police, "Glad you have gloves on because I have warts."

### Shovel taken

On the morning of Monday, Feb. 21, a woman living in the 700 block of St. Clair told City of Grosse Pointe police that someone stole a \$20 snow shovel off her front porch.

### Animal cruelty

Grosse Pointe Farms police are considering animal cruelty charges against a 43-year-old man living in the 400 block of Lothrop.

On Sunday, Feb. 27, at 1:24 a.m., an officer responding to a noise complaint discovered the man's tan shepherd dog barking in the back yard. A Buick Ranier was parked in the driveway with its driver door open.

"The temperature was 13 degrees and bitter cold," police said. "This department has been at (the) location for similar complaints on a number of occasions in similar conditions where the homeowner has been found intoxicated and passed out while the dog was left outside."

### Pot hole claims drunken driver

On Saturday, Feb. 26, shortly before 6 p.m., a 61-year-old Detroit man with a .26 percent blood alcohol level was found in his silver 2003 Chevrolet Impala stranded with a flat tire on Tonnancour in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"I hit a pot hole," the man reportedly told police.

"(His) speech was extremely slurred," police said.

Officers found an open can of beer in the car. The man reportedly admitted consuming "five to seven beers."

### Tools taken

More than \$500 worth of tools were reported stolen from a blue 2004 Chevrolet work van parked on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., behind a business in the 18800 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Police said there were no signs of forced entry.

Missing items consisted of a circular saw, cordless drill and miscellaneous hand tools.

### Snow blower stolen in GPF

Thieves last week took a Toro snow blower from a garage in the 300 block of Kerby in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Police said the garage door had been left open on Friday, Feb. 25, from 7:40 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Lost & found

A white 2005 Dodge Ram was noticed stolen in the 1500 block of Huntington in Grosse Pointe Woods at 1:23 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

The truck was later found with two tires and two wheels missing in the 15200 block of Maddelein in Detroit. A man in the area had called the Woods public safety department regarding insurance papers on the vehicle he found in the neighborhood.

### Stolen radio, expired tabs

An employee of a store in the 19300 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods reported a \$12.99 headset radio was taken at about 3:17 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

The employee believes the radio was taken by a 30- to 40-year-old woman with blondish brown hair who left in a tan 2003 Chevrolet Ventura.

A day later, a vehicle matching that description was stopped at Mack and Beaufait for expired tabs. The driver of the vehicle denied any involvement in the theft of the radio.

### Stop nets arrest

A 17-year-old female Eastpointe resident pulled over for a traffic stop at Mack and Cadieux in Grosse Pointe Park was arrested at 5:39 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24.

The driver had a suspended driver's license and was in possession of narcotics.

### Possible threat?

The Grosse Pointe Woods detective bureau is investigating a phone message left for a Woods resident of Arab descent.

The phone message, left at 5:57 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26, was the sound of nine gun shots but no voices.

The recipient of the message said he does not have any problems with anyone.

### Smoky stove

On Monday, Feb. 21, shortly before 2:30 p.m., a house on Regal Place in Grosse Pointe Shores began filling with smoke from a pan of burning grease mistakenly left in an oven that had been set to clean itself.

"Officers removed the stove from the dwelling and placed it in the driveway," police said.

Public safety officers used large fans to vent the house.

### Tamed by Taser

Grosse Pointe Shores police used a Taser stun gun to stop a 32-year-old St. Clair Shores man from resisting arrest.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, at 10:36 a.m., officers went to the man's apartment in the 600 block of Shore Club to execute a \$3,000 warrant for a driving offense. Records showed the man was also wanted in Hazel Park and Highland Park on similar warrants totaling \$5,000.

"He opened (the door) halfway and presented himself with only his face and one hand showing," police said.

When officers glimpsed a black object in the man's other hand, they drew their firearms and tried to take the man into custody. The black object turned out to be a telephone.

The man reportedly resisted arrest until shocked twice in the back.

"(He) became compliant," officers said.

—Brad Lindberg

was concerned for his safety due to the current political climate.

### Resists arrest

A 19-year-old Detroit man was finally arrested and taken into custody after picking fights with and resisting arrest by security guards and public safety officers at a shopping center and office complex in the 19200 block of Mack.

After not being able to get assistance from Detroit police, the security guards called the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27, for assistance in removing the man, who had been picking fights with them and throwing ice and snow at cars in the parking lot.

By the time the officers arrived, they found the man at a bus stop on Moross. During the officers' attempt to talk with the man, the man became irate and agitated with them and threatened bodily harm.

The officers tried but failed to subdue him with Tasers and pepper spray. Additional Woods and Grosse Pointe Farms officers were called to the scene to help handcuff and transport the man to the public safety station.

—Bonnie Caprara

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## Obituaries

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Brian Streck

and his brother, Gary (Lynne) Streck.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A memorial service was

held on Feb. 25 at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alexander Streck Scholarship Fund, c/o Mr. Edward Sui, UBS Financial Services, Inc., 2301 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy MI 48064, checks payable to "College America - Alexander Streck" or to Habitat for Humanity, 14325 Jane St., Detroit, MI 48205.

### Laura Tropp

Laura Tropp, 71, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

She was born in Detroit and graduated from Denby High School. She was very close to her sister and best friend, Peggy Sourvelis with whom she spent countless



Laura Tropp

hours.

She was married to her beloved husband, attorney Edmund Tropp. The couple was just shy of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Tropp was a member of the St. Clement Orthodox Church in Dearborn. She was a legal secretary and

served as past president of the Cosmopolitan Women's Club of Detroit.

She is survived by her husband, Edmund; her two children, Edmund L. (Linda) of Grosse Pointe Woods and Lydia (Robert) Starks of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; and her two grandchildren, Eddie Jr. and Corey Tropp.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 28, at Wujek Calcaterra Funeral Home in Sterling Heights. Father Michael Arbanas presided over the service.

### Joseph Dolor Wardie

Joseph Dolor Wardie, 84, died on Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, at his residence in Fenton.

Mr. Wardie was born March 21, 1920, in Flint to Joseph M. and Lila (Armstrong) Wardie. He had resided in Fenton since 1948.



Joseph Dolor Wardie

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in World War II and was a life member of the Linden V.F.W. post No. 4642.

On Sept. 20, 1941, he married Grace L. Lobb in Akron, Mich.

He retired from General Motors Fisher Body Grand

Blanc in 1982 with 30 years of service.

He was a member of Hidden Springs Church and was a pianist for the church and for local convalescent centers.

Mr. Wardie is survived by his wife, Grace; his three children, Joseph (Mary) of Fenton, Gloria (Harold) Weaver of Alpena and Ronald (Janice) of Harper Woods; his eight grandchildren, Amy (Matt) Rechsteiner, Joseph M. (Dorie) Wardie, Ben (Amy) Weaver, Dan (Monica) Weaver, Chad (Missy) Wardie, Cameron (Andrea) Wardie, Zechariah Marsh and Joshua Marsh; his 13 great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Jacob, Joseph, Joshua, Jack, Nathan, Reagan, Jacquelyn "Quinn", Shane, Clayton, Abbigale, Grace and Magdalyu; his brother, Calvin "Bud" (Marion) of Linden; his half-sister, Delores Burnaford of Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Lila Wardie; his birth parents, Ralph and Elva (Johnson) Paul; and his son, Riekie, who died in 1954.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 25, at Hidden Springs Church in Howell. Friends may post a tribute to Mr. Wardie at [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hidden Springs Church, 5860 N. Latson Rd., Howell, MI 48843 or Genesis Hospice.

### William Freeborn Watson

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident William Freeborn Watson, 90, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at his home in Haslett.

He was born on March 5, 1914, in Cheyenne, Wyo. In 1936, he graduated from the University of Michigan. He was a resident of Grosse Pointe for 50 years.

While serving in the U.S. Army, he ascended to the rank of colonel.

Mr. Watson was employed as a professional engineer for the Ford Motor Co. He was a member of the Trigon Fraternity and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen Merrill Hewitt Watson; his daughter, Merrill Watson (Richard) Evans; and his sisters-in-law, Mrs. Herbert W. Hewitt Jr., Mrs. Robert Hartopee, and Mrs. Henry G. Watson Jr.

He was predeceased by his brother, Henry G. Watson Jr.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19, at 1:30 p.m. at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.

Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

## Budget

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our total SEV. The county has noted that sales are lagging; so they've ordered the assessor to make reductions. But they don't affect taxable value."

The August bond issue totaled \$3.5 million for infrastructure improvements, including road and sewer work. Kenyon said proceeds have been distributed throughout the budget.

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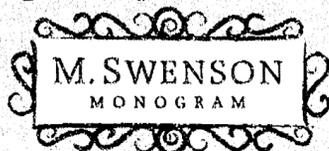
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March 3, 2005

## Better parents building better children

By Beth Quinn  
 Staff Writer

Children don't come with an owner's manual but the Family Center's Parenting Symposium is as close as one can get.

But for \$20 — the price of six lattes — and three hours of their time, parents can attend the Family Center's Parenting Symposium which is designed to help them deal with common parenting and childhood dilemmas.

The symposium will be held on Saturday, March 5, at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside Drive in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Diane Strickler, the Family Center's executive director, is hoping that parents can carve three hours out of their Saturday morning to attend the symposium.

"In our well-meaning attempt to have well-rounded children, we start them at a very early age to participate in very structured programs which require that parents take the time to drive them there," Strickler said. "Consequently, the pace of our lives has become very busy and demanding."

While she recognizes that parents have very little free time, she believes that it is important for them to continually take the time to improve the way they parent.

"Parenting is learned; we need to periodically take the time to refresh our parenting skills," Strickler said.

One of the symposium's

presenters, Grosse Pointe School District psychologist Helen Landuyt, agrees.

"It is easy for us parents to become complacent, to slack off a bit but it is important for us to periodically expand our parenting repertoire," Landuyt said. "Parenting is very challenging and the Family Center is being proactive in helping us face the challenge."

The three-hour symposium will be divided into three segments — a keynote address and two one-hour segments.

The segments will have four different seminars; attendees will be able to select one seminar per segment.

Bob Sornson, Ph.D., executive director of special services for the Northville Public School District will give the keynote address: "Raising the Richest Kids in the World" which gives parents ways to guide their children to become fulfilled adults.

Sornson is well known nationally as an educator, author and for his presentations on topics including early childhood learning success, attention and behavior skills, the diverse learning needs of children and adults and parenting by using the Love and Logic technique.

"I find it ironic that we have the opportunity and the knowledge to help practically every American child develop the language, motor and cognitive skills to be successful and honorable human beings, yet more and



A group of Pierce Middle School six-graders ham-it-up for the camera, demonstrating typical "tween" behavior. Photo by Beth Quinn

more children are at-risk than ever before," Sornson said.

"There is great confusion among parents about setting limits and establishing priorities. Nowadays, parents are working in a vacuum; they don't have the net-

works as they did in the past from extended families and close-knit neighborhoods where everyone watched over everyone's children and where they could turn to others for help and advice."

After Sornson's keynote address, parents will be able

to attend two of the following seminars:

### Building Boys

Boys are more likely than girls to be considered a behavioral problem in school, to abuse substances and be diagnosed as learn-

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## Church begins interior furnishing replacement

It has been two years since the disastrous fire that swept through the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church on Marter Road in the cities of St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods.

The exterior and interior reconstruction was completed by the replacement of furnishings, icons and religious artifacts in a long process.

The largest furnishing to be replaced in the church is the altar screen which is made of basswood, a light-colored wood. Its carvings are hand done, as they have been for centuries.

The wood carver selected for this important undertaking is Evangelos Zisopoulos

of Woodcarving Interiors. The importance lies in his ability to replicate the Byzantine design necessary for the altar screen in the Orthodox Church.

Zisopoulos was born and raised in a small village outside Meteora, Greece. His career as a woodcarver began in 1979 in Greece.

He attended a three-year boarding school for woodcarvers in 1981, graduated and began his professional career. At a young age, he perfected his skills in a variety of period and historic forms, such as Byzantine, Baroque, Renaissance, modern and more. Zisopoulos' designs bring a woodcarver's

masterpiece to life.

Over the years, Zisopoulos has studied many types of wood, their qualities and their behavior during carving to the outcome of the final piece. He has also perfected the art of designing and crafting fine custom furniture.

"We felt very fortunate to learn that a woodcarver of his stature and abilities was going to establish a studio in the metropolitan area of Detroit," said Father Michael Varlamos, Assumption's priest. He continued to say that Zisopoulos, whose studio is in Clinton Township, is confident yet works with his

heart on religious pieces.

Zisopoulos said, "The idea for this particular design came from the structure of the church, seeing what existed before the fire and receiving final approval from Metropolitan Nicholas of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Detroit."

The altar screen is a 45 foot wide wall of Byzantine woodcarving design, with the Royal entrance standing 16 feet high.

The akantos, which is the main repeated carved element, is surrounded by peacocks, double-headed eagles, Byzantine crosses and other elements that represent the Byzantine period.

## Join Christ Church for two classes in spiritual growth

### Who Am I?

Who Am I? An in-depth introduction to personality and human relations (PRH) formation will be offered in two sessions, March 4-6 and March 18-20.

This 30-hour workshop is a major introduction to PRH, a school of adult formation that began in France in 1970. The focus of "Who Am I?" is on the being as the center of human personality and the core of one's identity and of all that is positive in personality.

The workshop also explores the place of self-image, relationships, intellect, feelings and body in our identity and personal growth. The workshop schedule on Fridays is 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 7 p.m.

Registration deadline is March 3. Call Maryann at 885-4841, ext. 114 or go online: [www.christchurchgp.org/spirituality](http://www.christchurchgp.org/spirituality) to register.

Call Canon Ronald Spann, at ext. 113, for more information on tuition and other details.

**For Men Only**

On March 11 and 12, the Christ Church Spirituality Center will offer a commuter's overnight retreat for men.

It is appropriately entitled a "Retreat for Men: A Journey in Faith-Walking with Men of the Bible," led by the Rev. Robert Hart, Rector, All Saints Church in Pontiac.

He will weave reflection on biblical depictions of several men, dialogue, prayer and solitude to help the participants discover fresh meaning and purpose in God's gift to them of their male identity.

The retreat is designed with family and weekend demands in mind. The Friday session runs from 7 to 9 p.m., and on Saturday morning the final session starts at 9 a.m. and ends at noon.

It also aims to foster increased openness in men to look inside their lives, and to balance the tendency to let activity crowd out time just for being.

A veteran leader of men's retreats and study groups, Hart brings a longstanding interest in men's spirituality

to this event. Not only individuals but also existing men's groups may wish to use this retreat as a chance to strengthen their bonds.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 9. Call Maryann at ext. 114, or go online at the aforementioned address. Cost is \$22.

## Church events

### Prayer practices

The Rev. Canon Ronald Spann will lead the Primary Colors of Prayer class in a visit to varieties of prayer practices within the Christian tradition, during a Thursday, March 10, class.

The 7:30 to 9 p.m. session will be held at the **Grosse Pointe First United Methodist Church**, 211 Moross. The cost is \$5.

The practices include the Jesus Prayer, Centering Prayer, lectio divina, and prayer in the Spirit.

### Wittenberg Choir

The Wittenberg Choir, under the direction of Donald Busarow, will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at **St. Paul Lutheran Church**.

The church is located at 375 Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms.

### Server night

On Tuesday, March 8, between 5 and 8 p.m., the **St. Joan of Arc Athletic Club** is sponsoring a "Celebrity Server Night" at the Grosse Pointe Big Boy, Vernier and Mack.

All tips collected by the celebrity servers who are acting as the wait staff will be donated to the athletic club.

Big Boy will donate 10 percent of the total day's sales to St. Joan of Arc Athletic Club.

### The Fludde

Members of the **Christ Church Grosse Pointe** present "Noye's Fludde" at 7:30 p.m. March 4 and 5 and at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 6.

## Pastor's Corner

### Grooming the young

By the Rev. Kenneth R. Kaucke  
Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Having been recently appointed as the pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church and School, I have found a most vibrant and dedicated community that has evolved over the years into a strong and close partnership, working together to guide and educate our young people on important moral values and the decisions which flow out of them.

We have a very dedicated staff of educators who provide Catholic doctrinal and social teachings to the students in order to live out these values and develop into morally strong adults. Their priorities are true dedication to our youth.

Year after year, Star of the Sea has groomed our young people to achieve high academic success, with students moving forward to prestigious and top-ranking colleges and universities.

We work together, both parish and school, to give moral guidance to all levels of adult learning through the means of presentations and programs about Catholic values and human sexuality. We have established committees that will provide parents with aids to help parents in rearing their children with strong Catholic teachings to live out these values in faith-filled lives.

Recently, a parish Town Hall Meeting took place to help keep the lines of communication open for parish and school families to address issues of concern and offer new ideas for a stronger future.

Every Friday morning we celebrate an all-school Mass with the students presenting the homilies through skits and presentations that reflect the Word of God active in their lives.

Recently we started a Sunday evening Life Teen Mass followed by Life Nite, which again encourages an active Christian life. The homilies are aimed at making the Liturgy especially meaningful for teenagers.

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Shortly after I arrived at Star, the school children gave me a gift which soon became our school mascot. The gift was a papier-mâché "cow on roller skates" and was signed by the whole school population. We held a contest and named the "cow" Kenny Junior.

Every Friday morning Kenny joins us for the school Mass. I love our school and the ability to walk down the hallway and drop in to see the kids. It is truly a joy!

I hope and pray all these events plus a myriad of others create an atmosphere conducive to bring about a continual desire for our young people to want to be more involved in the parish and live their Catholic faith.

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All kinds of fabric will be for sale between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Saturday, March 5, at 17820 Warren in Detroit between Cadieux and Mack. Free parking is available.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., full grocery bags will be \$7; from 1 to 3 p.m., \$5; and from 3 to 4 p.m., only \$2.

A \$1 donation would be appreciated at the door.

All funds will go to the educational programming at Arts & Scraps, which serves some 275,000 local children annually.

For more information about Arts & Scraps, or to volunteer, call (313) 640-4411.



## Pointer Bridge Club

Members of The Pointer Bridge Club are celebrating the club's 30th anniversary this year. The next meeting will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 17, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House for lunch and bridge. For reservations, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566.

Sandy Kabbush, founder and charter member, said it is the only nonsmoking bridge club. Pointer Bridge meets the third Thursday of each month for lunch and bridge at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

## Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters will meet from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, March 14, for a mini-debate about whether or not oil drilling should be allowed in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The contestants will be Tamara Kouskoulas and Ron Pikielak, both members of Northeastern Toastmasters.

Visitors are welcome. For more information and for the location of the meeting, call Kouskoulas at (313) 885-6571 or e-mail her at aj5650@wayne.edu

Northeastern Toastmasters is associated with Toastmasters International, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help people speak more effectively in public.

## Fox Creek

### Questers

Fox Creek Questers No. 216 will meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook. The program, "The History of Baskets," will be presented by Sue Ellison. Carolyn Nantroup will be hostess and Marti Miller, co-hostess.

## Pettipointe

### Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 3, at the home of hostess Kay Van DeGraaf. The program, "Utilitarian Stoneware Jugs: A Sampler," will be presented by Aileen Hinds, a member of Mid-State Ceramic Club. Luncheon will follow.

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## Marty Potter

**Home:** City of Grosse Pointe

**Age:** 60s

**Family:** Wife, Denise; five sons, Brian, Steve, Patrick, Scott and Billy

**Occupation:** Retired insurance litigation adjuster

**Quote:** "I highly recommend volunteering. What a feeling of accomplishment and fulfillment it brings."

Marty Potter of the City of Grosse Pointe was newly retired from his job as an insurance litigation adjuster. He wanted to spend some of his new free time volunteering in the community. More than a year ago, Potter went to Services for Older Citizens' offices to offer his time.

After a few weeks of

delivering Meals on Wheels for SOC, he began to bond with some of his clients. He was surprised at the number of seniors who seemed isolated and alone.

"I have enjoyed the variety of volunteer opportunities available to me at SOC," Potter said. "I have walked dogs, helped with home repairs, moved furniture, driven people to doctor appointments, delivered meals and learned to just listen and be a friend. He has volunteered to help at SOC special events such as filling Christmas baskets and delivering Valentine's Day gifts to seniors.

"I highly recommend volunteering to those who are retired. It keeps you active in the community and brings a sense of fulfillment."

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## POINTES OF LIGHT By Betsy Schulte



Marty Potter

## New monthly feature will recognize Pointers who volunteer

The Grosse Pointe News begins a new feature this week, "Pointes of Light."

Each month, a Grosse Pointer who volunteers will be featured.

We'll show what volunteers do and ask them why they find the work rewarding.

To suggest a volunteer for a future Pointes of Light, call Betsy Schulte at (313) 882-8600, ext. 245.

Schulte is volunteer coordinator at Services for Older Citizens but suggested volunteers can be active in any kind of charitable or civic organization.

## Student fights for herself, energy efficiency

By Miriam Moeller  
Special Writer

Jennifer Silverston of Grosse Pointe Shores has not let a painful back injury stop her from promoting her favorite cause: energy conservation.

The Northern Michigan University graduate student has received a grant to establish the first energy demonstration center in the Upper Peninsula.

Silverston suffered her injury in a boating accident during an Americorps internship for the National Park Service in Nevada. She injured discs in her back and was unable to walk.

"Gradually, over time, I regained the ability to walk," Silverston said. "I was psychologically bored; so I kept asking the doctor if I could take a class."

After evaluating campuses near her home, Silverston decided that the NMU campus would best accommodate her limitations, such as being unable to drive long distances.

She quickly became part of the NMU community, taking classes in the geography department. One class required her to write a research paper about the Marquette area. After poring over materials on energy efficiency, Silverston concluded that commercial-sized wind turbines were the most economically viable option.

"That's when I decided to start Marquette Citizens for Wind Energy in May 2003," she said.

Silverston and the organization negotiated with the Marquette Board of Light and Power to conduct a \$20,000 study to see if wind energy would be feasible in the area. Meanwhile, she organized a Wind Energy Town Meeting last January that drew more than 200 people. When the Michigan

Energy office heard that the same meeting held in Lansing drew only 60 people, it was clear that the interest in wind energy in the Upper Peninsula was greater than assumed.

The MEO was so impressed, in fact, that officials told Silverston to apply for a grant to bring an energy demonstration center — some of which are already located in lower Michigan — to the U.P. One thing led to another, and in the fall of 2004, she secured the grant.

Silverston's efforts are not only significant to the Marquette community; they have also helped her through her painful recuperation.

"The energy project has been a huge part of my recovery," Silverston said. "It's far too easy to get over-

whelmed in the pain, but (the energy project) has always given me goals."

For instance, when Silverston gave a presentation on renewable energy at the Sonderegger Symposium, which features scholarly research related to the U.P., she set a personal goal of standing up for 20 minutes. Up to this point, Silverston wasn't able to stand for a long period of time.

"By the end of the presentation, I kept hopping from one leg to the other, but I managed to stand up the entire time," she added. "The environment up here has also been very helpful to my recovery. I can get out and hike on a trail just surrounded by the incredible beauty of the area. I have the incentive to go farther,

and I'm always striving for a longer or tougher hike."

Silverston serves as the director of Northern Options, the organization she founded with the help of the grant to create an energy demonstration center. Its mission is to teach others about efficient and renewable energy and related topics. In addition, Silverston continues to take one class per semester, tours schools to teach children about conserving energy, and strives to recover from her injury.

"I'm taking it one step at a time," she said. "I keep exploring. The energy efficiency field is so unexplored, there is a huge potential for research and eventually jobs. I love telling young people that there is a future here. That's very thrilling to me."

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## Choose healthy, safe spring break activities

Spring break 2005 is just around the corner, and campuses and organizations throughout the country are doing all they can to make certain it will be a safe and memorable experience for their students. Instead of feeding the stereotypes of drunk and disorderly partygoers in the spring break hot spots of Mexico or Florida, many students will be feeding the homeless.

Students from San Diego State University will travel to South Africa to build houses, work at orphanages and engage in other service projects. In past years, students at Monmouth College in Illinois have tutored migrant farm workers in Florida, registered voters in Mississippi and worked at soup kitchens in Washington, D.C.

In fact, Break Away, a nonprofit organization ([www.alternativebreaks.org](http://www.alternativebreaks.org)) that organizes alternative break programs for college and high school students, estimates that 30,000 American students will participate in some alternative break experience this year.

This is no doubt bad news for the tour promoters who lure college students to Mexican vacation sites that promise "50 hours of free drinking" over seven days where the drinking age of 18 is "rarely enforced."

When alcohol is free-flowing, and laws regarding underage drinking are not always enforced, young people run the risk of alcohol poisoning from binge drinking, being injured or killed in a drunk driving incident, contracting sexually transmitted diseases, and being raped, robbed, drugged, or otherwise injured.

The statistics regarding college drinking are dire enough each year without compounding the problem with spring break revelry. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), students who drink excessively have higher rates of injuries, assaults, academic problems, arrests, vandalism and other health and social problems each year compared to their non-drinking counterparts.

In a year, NIAAA reports that:

- 1,400 college students between the ages of 18 and

24 die from alcohol-related unintentional injuries.

- 500,000 college students are unintentionally injured while under the influence of alcohol.

- More than 600,000 students are assaulted by another student who has been drinking.

- More than 70,000 students between 18 and 24 are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape, and 100,000 report having been too intoxicated to know if they consented to having sex.

- 2.1 million students between 18 and 24 drove under the influence of alcohol last year.

- 31 percent of college students met the criteria for a diagnosis of alcohol abuse and 6 percent for a diagnosis of alcohol dependence in the past 12 months.

In addition to offering alternative activities (many of which qualify for college credit), many universities and colleges are taking measures to educate students about ways to prevent injury and tragedy for those who are drawn to the spring break party scene. Spring break can be a fun and healthy experience if students learn to make responsible and safe decisions, according to BACCHUS & GAMMA Peer Education Network, a nonprofit association in Denver that focuses on alcohol abuse prevention and other student health and safety issues.

Each year, BACCHUS & GAMMA launches prevention campaigns on more than 1,000 campuses. They designate March as "Safe Spring Break Month."

This year, BACCHUS & GAMMA's spring break campaign is a takeoff on the board game Clue, with character cards like "Ms. Scarlet in the clubs," reminding students to "watch your drink; don't drink any unattended beverage."

The "Get a Clue Safe Spring Break Kit" contains posters, ideas for campus activities, and a programming manual that includes well-documented information on drugs, alcohol impairment, road safety, sun safety, sexually transmitted diseases and other

issues.

Pledge cards are also an important component of the campaign, said Janet Cox, associate executive director at BACCHUS & GAMMA. "Most campuses use pledge cards as a visual reminder to students that they have made a commitment to act safely and responsibly," she said.

"Some campuses are sending out the cards electronically so students can print them, sign them and then use them as a ticket to get into various safe spring break kickoff events."

To see what you can do to help make this spring break the safest ever, go to [www.bacchusgamma.org](http://www.bacchusgamma.org). For information regarding the dangers and conse-

quences of drinking by college students and for recommendations on how to deal with this serious problem, see NIAAA's "College Drinking: Changing the Culture" at [www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov](http://www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov).

*This health column offers information to help prevent and address addiction and substance abuse problems. It is provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency based in Center City, Minn., that offers a wide range of information and services on addiction and recovery. For more resources, call Hazelden at (800) 257-7800 or check its Web site at [www.hazelden.org](http://www.hazelden.org). Direct your inquiries to [mduda@hazelden.org](mailto:mduda@hazelden.org).*

## Connect body, mind, spirit

Learn about Bon Secours Cottage's holistic approach to health and well-being at the following programs, held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Bon Secours Hospital's Connelly Auditorium. The cost for each class is \$15. Preregistration is required; call Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900.

### Soothe and Heal with Aromatherapy

Aromatherapy is the skilled and controlled use of essential oils for physical and emotional health and well-being. Join Deb Kennedy, certified aroma therapist, as she explains and allows participants to experience different oils and their effects. Date: Thursday, March 10.

### Infant Massage

Learn basic techniques to relax and soothe your infant with the use of touch. Certified massage therapist and prenatal instructor Susan Najjar guides you in the use of this natural aspect of caring for an infant. Bring a soft, flexible doll to the class. Date: Thursday, April 28.

### New Relief for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

Carpal tunnel syndrome

is caused by nerve compression in the wrist that causes tingling and numbness in the hand and fingers and often is accompanied by pain and muscle weakness. Often the result of repetitive motion, the use of removable wrist splints and oral anti-inflammatory medications may control the symptoms.

Persistent symptoms, however, now are being relieved in a simple, outpatient endoscopic surgical procedure requiring only a half-inch incision. Dr. James Dietz, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon with additional fellowship training in hand surgery, explains this advanced procedure and its advantages at a free community program. To preregister, call (586) 779-7900. Date: Thursday, March 3, at 7 p.m. in Connelly Auditorium, 468 Cadieux in the City of Grosse Pointe.

### Managing Stress through Emotional Wellness

This class is presented by holistic psychologist Rose Knight, who provides the tools to increase awareness and understanding of the power of thoughts. Learn to engage positive emotions and cope more effectively during stressful times. Date: Wednesday, March 24.

## Grandparents class at BSC

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers a free Grandparents Class to discuss current concepts of labor and delivery, breast and bottle feeding, holding or "spoiling," and a discussion of how important grandparents are in the lives of their children and grandchildren.

Today's childbearing couples are being taught many things that seem to be the exact opposite of what grandparents were told when they became parents. Sign up for the Bon Secours Cottage Grandparents

Class, and see for yourself what today's expectant parents are learning.

Even if you already have grandchildren, you might pick up some new ideas or information about child care and nurturing skills.

A Bon Secours BirthCare nurse educator teaches the session and encourages both grandmothers and grandfathers to attend.

For more information or to register, call Bon Secours Cottage Women's Healthcare Line at (586) 779-7909.

## Nutrition counseling is available

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers an individualized nutrition counseling session by a registered dietitian that covers a variety of diets, including weight reduction, low cholesterol, diabetes and cardiac.

The session takes place at

Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free parking is available in the parking deck on Muir.

Take your parking ticket into the program for validation. Call (313) 640-2650 for more information or to make an appointment.

## Parkinson's disease is mysterious, manageable

By Dr. James Voci  
Special Writer

Parkinson's disease is a degenerative disorder of the nervous system that destroys nerve cells in the part of the brain that controls muscle movement. Normally these nerve cells release the chemical dopamine, which causes our muscles to make smooth, controlled movements.

As the disease progresses, individuals with Parkinson's often experience trembling, muscle rigidity, difficulty walking and problems with balance and coordination. The disease typically develops after age 50, but it can affect a small percentage of younger people.

While Parkinson's may eventually be disabling, it often progresses slowly. And there are a variety of treatment methods to help keep individuals productive for many years after diagnosis.

Researchers still don't know specifically what causes Parkinson's disease. Genetics may play a slight role in some cases. People with a first-degree relative (parent, child or sibling) who has Parkinson's have a slightly higher chance (less than 5 percent) of developing the disease.

But there also may be an environmental component. Research suggests that individuals who have had a higher than normal exposure to certain pesticides are more likely to develop Parkinson's. Unfortunately, scientists have not been able to link a particular pesticide with the disease.

### Symptoms of Parkinson's

Early symptoms of Parkinson's can include a mild tremor in the fingers of one hand, an arm that does not swing while walking or mumbling speech. These symptoms can be similar to several other medical conditions such as stroke, a vascular abnormality, calcium deposits in the brain or a condition called NPH, which is increased fluid in the brain. A brain-imaging scan would identify these conditions.

There also is a condition called Parkinsonism that has some similar symptoms, such as tremor and restricted muscle control but doesn't follow the same course as Parkinson's disease.

Former heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali suffers from Parkinsonism, possibly as a result of repeated blows to the head.

While there isn't a specific lab test to diagnose Parkinson's disease, a brain scan will rule out other medical conditions. Also, the presence of the following symptoms (which spell TRAP) strongly indicate Parkinson's:

1. Tremor: Tremor is thought to be the clinical hallmark of Parkinson's disease without which a person is said to have Parkinsonism.
2. Rigidity: The muscles become stiff and difficult for even the physician to move a patient's limbs or neck on examination.
3. Akinesia: People with Parkinson's experience muscle akinesia (no movement) or bradykinesia (slow movement), which causes a shuffling gait, stooped posture and minimal facial expressions.
4. Postural instability: Individuals with Parkinson's lose their righting reflexes, which are the involuntary reflexes that prevent them from falling if they are bumped or misstep.

### Treatment response can be dramatic

A typical treatment course begins with medication to replace the chemical dopamine. Many patients see a dramatic improvement in their symptoms once treatment begins. As the condition progresses, however, medications and doses will need to be altered.

Regular physical therapy can provide as much benefit to patients as medication. Exercise helps improve mobility, balance, range of motion and even an individual's mood. Based on a patient's level of abilities, physical therapists tailor exercise programs in an effort to improve the patient's gait and agility, which may help prevent falls. Therapists also can teach dressing and personal hygiene techniques as mobility decreases.

Occupational and physical therapists often visit patients' homes to assess their living situation and point out safety tips. Ideally, individuals with Parkinson's should live in a home with one level. Other safety measures include removal of all area rugs, installation of handrails along stairways, around the bathtub and beside the toilet, placement of night lights in rooms and hallways and keeping electrical and phone cords out of the way.

When symptoms can no longer be controlled with medications, there are a few surgical options that may diminish some symptoms.

Deep brain stimulation is a procedure in which a pacemaker lead is placed in the area of the brain that controls mobility. This procedure reduces tremor but is somewhat less effective at reducing muscle rigidity.

Ablative therapy uses an electric current to destroy a small amount of brain tissue that is responsible for many symptoms of Parkinson's, including tremor and rigidity. With both surgical procedures there are some risks, and the benefits may not last.

Research into the causes of the disease and development of new therapies is ongoing. The National Parkinson's Foundation is very well funded, thanks in part to celebrities like actor Michael J. Fox, who has early-onset Parkinson's and has worked to put a face on the disease.

Dr. Voci is a board-certified Bon Secours Cottage neurologist with Michigan Neurology Associates.

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## Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



March is National Rosacea Awareness Month. Why? While rosacea is believed to affect more than 14 million Americans, it is estimated that less than 3 million patients receive treatment for this increasingly common condition.

The disease is more frequently diagnosed in women, but more severe symptoms tend to be seen in men. Warning signs for rosacea include: flushing or persistent redness on the cheeks, nose, chin or forehead; small visible blood vessels on the face; acne-like bumps or pimples on the face; and watery or irritated eyes. Acne rosacea patients also often experience cycles of remission and flaring of the disease.

Left untreated, rosacea symptoms can

become quite severe. In advanced cases, the nose can become swollen and bumpy - W.C. Field's bulbous nose was the result of acne rosacea; skin may thicken and corneal damage may occur.

Rosacea can be controlled, though never cured. Patients are prescribed long-term therapies to match their lifestyle and condition, including oral and topical antibiotics, sunscreens, laser treatment to remove blood vessels, cryotherapy as well as learning to avoid triggers that cause the condition to flare.

To learn more about rosacea and its treatment, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates. Eastside Dermatology has offices in New Baltimore and Grosse Pointe. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380.

## SOC Options

### Relieve stress with yoga

**By Sharon Maier**  
SOC Executive Director  
Stress is now considered the foremost contributor to poor health and a major factor in causing heart disease, cancer, and a myriad of chronic and acute diseases.

Yoga has developed over the years as an excellent form of low impact, therapeutic exercise which makes it a great tool for stress reduction.

An exercise program has to be enjoyable and fun or people won't do it. Those who practice yoga gain enormous benefits by incorporating it into their daily lives for the rest of their lives. Once you begin, you will come to understand what those who use yoga, regardless of their ability, already know: yoga is serious fun. You don't have to be a body beautiful or be able to turn your body into a pretzel in order to enjoy the benefits of yoga. Anyone, any age, condition, or profession can reap the many rewards of this ancient system of well-being.

Older Americans often lead very sedentary lifestyles. Many watch television for hours every day, scrunched down in a chair with their legs crossed. This inactivity

and body posture directly contributes to back pain, stiffness, lack of quality sleep, constipation, weakness, obesity and depression.

Inactivity can also be a factor in heart disease and osteoporosis (affecting over 25 percent of older women and 10 percent of older men), and stiffness and pain around the joints, which contributes to decreased mobility. Tension, shallow breathing and physical inactivity also contribute to poor circulation of blood to the spine and the rest of the body, which leads to lesser mobility and health problems, which causes less activity, and onward in a vicious downward spiral.

Yoga can be a key out of this cycle. Safe, gentle, slow and controlled movements may reduce anxiety and depression, while increasing muscle tone and strength. This adds to coordination, improved balance and body control. Many of my older students say that they thoroughly enjoy the way yoga complements their lifestyle. It keeps their bodies supple, fit and strong, plus gives a feeling of well-being.

If they are learning new skills, yoga helps by increasing oxygen to the

brain, improving memory and increasing the ability to focus attention for long periods.

Sometimes we forget that breath is life. Many people take very shallow breaths, using only the upper part of their lungs, especially when inactive or in pain. Shallow breaths rob us of energy and life force. Humans require approximately 2,300 breaths of air every day. Older and inactive people take in much less. Yoga breathing strengthens our lungs and vocal chords, helping us to speak with a stronger, clearer voice, projecting our voices with more authority.

The Easy Does It Yoga for Older People that Services for Older Citizens (SOC) is offering every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. is safe, gradual and effective. It consists of lifts, bends and other movements for the whole body, adjusted to fit each person's unique needs, accompanied by active breathing.

No advance reservation is required for this program, just drop in at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, and give it a try.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

## Give me a break

**By Mary Beth Langan and Theodore G. Coutilish**  
Special Writers

As this is beginning to be written, Mary Beth and Andrew have just reached the end of another winter break.

And survived! Mary Beth questioned a friend last week. "What is winter break? A break from me having a morning break while Andrew's at school?"

Those morning breaks happen to be the precious time when she does grocery shopping and a myriad of errands and tasks which are not on Andrew's radar as enjoyable activities.

Andrew's school breaks are also not pleasurable in his eyes. He's a 4-year-old who craves his daily routine. He loves checking his visual schedule at school and knowing he'll have specific segments of work and play at specific times each morning.

And a planned snack time. Don't forget that card in his schedule. He loves his snacks.

If an activity he loves is missing from his schedule, he sometimes "borrows" the card signifying that activity from a friend's schedule to try to get it added to his morning. He's a tricky little guy.

His current school schedule cannot be duplicated at home. We don't have the same therapists at his disposal or the same work areas, books, songs, toys, etc. Just ol' Mom trying to entertain



him with the things we do have.

Andrew and Mary Beth are both happy that winter break is over. We hope spring break will involve weather that is actually spring-like so some outdoor activities can be added to the schedule.

Speaking of breaks, how about taking a break from cooking on Sunday, March 13?

St. Philomena Parish will host its annual Spaghetti Dinner from noon to 4 p.m. at the Social Hall in the Activities Building at 4281 Marcellines, Detroit (the first block from Mack, across from Rivard).

The free-will offerings from the dinner will go toward summer program costs for children with special needs who are members of the parish. For example, part of the proceeds paid for Andrew to attend Just Kids Camp at the Neighborhood Club last summer.

It's a wonderful gift from the parish to families who know how easy the year-round extra expenses for a child with special needs can break the budget.

The dinner includes tasty all-you-can-eat pasta with homemade meatballs and sauce, salad, bread,



**Langan-Coutilish family**

drinks and a delicious dessert table, compliments of many wonderful bakers of the parish.

Mary Beth will be working at the dinner. We hope you'll join her and many other friendly faces and take a break from the kitchen on March 13.

*Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome (fragile.org). Send your questions or comments to tcoutilish@dmac.wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.*

## BSC offers community support groups

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers a variety of support groups to the community. Meetings take place at Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms; Bon Secours Hospital, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe; or the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center, 26001 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

### Domestic Violence

Presented by the Rev. Dr. Raafat Hanna, a Bon Secours Cottage chaplain, this group is intended for individuals who are affected by domestic violence. Learn what domestic violence is; why it should be stopped, and how you can set limits and stop it. This free support group meets the first Monday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. in the third floor chapel at Bon Secours Hospital. The group is confidential and open to individuals and families. For more information or to register, call (313) 343-1656.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings take place at 1 p.m. Sundays in Connelly Auditorium at Bon Secours Hospital. For more information, call (313) 885-1888.

### Al Anon

Meetings take place at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays in Conference Rooms 1-4, first floor, at Cottage Hospital. For information call (313) 242-0300 or (248) 706-1020.

### Families Anonymous

The public is welcome to attend this 12-step, anonymous, family support program for parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who are concerned about and affected by substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Meetings are held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday at Cottage Hospital, Grosse

### Fire safety presentation

Services for Older Citizens will present a talk at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, by Lt. Kwaku Atara. The topic will be fire safety in the home. A hot lunch will be served at 11 a.m., just before the presentation.

Pointe Farms, lower level Boardroom B. Preregistration is not necessary. For information, call (313) 882-1921.

### Emotions Anonymous

Emotions Anonymous meetings take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at Cottage Hospital, Boardroom B. Emotions Anonymous follows a 12-step program similar to Alcoholics Anonymous but is intended for those recovering from emotional difficulties. Individuals suffering the effects of depression, anger, grief, low self-esteem and other emotional issues are encouraged to attend. The group's purpose is to help

### Alzheimer's/Dementia

— Bon Secours Nursing Care Center

Community caregivers are invited to attend monthly sessions that focus on coping with these debilitating conditions and place emphasis on caregivers "caring for themselves." Meetings are held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. the second Monday of each month in the In-Service Room. For information, call (586) 779-7032.

## Meals for the Homebound needs volunteers

Is there someone you know who is recuperating from surgery or an illness and unable to cook? Or do you know an elderly individual who needs help with meals for a few weeks until other arrangements are made?

The Bon Secours Cottage Meals for the Homebound program is celebrating its 28th year as a community service project that assists recently discharged patients and elderly in the community during periods of recuperation or need.

It is the only temporary meal service in the area, and

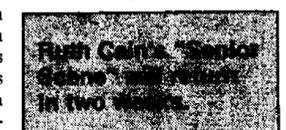
it helps individuals for up to eight weeks. Balanced, healthy, hot meals are prepared by Food & Nutrition Services and delivered by Bon Secours Cottage volunteers during the noon hour Monday through Friday, excluding major holidays.

Residents of the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, and Detroit area (ZIP CODES 48224, 48225, 48230 and 48236 only) are eligible.

Are you interested in brightening the day of a shut-in? As a Bon Secours volunteer delivering meals to the homebound, you can make a difference by reach-

ing out through food and friendship. Volunteer drivers are needed for approximately one and one-half hours at a time during the noon hour, weekdays, excluding major holidays. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license and proof of automobile insurance.

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## Parent volunteers

Year after year, without exception, I've helped out in my child's classroom. During my career as a parent volunteer I've cut out zillions of bunny patterns, assisted with countless finger painting projects, and even worked with a reading group or two.

But lately, things are different. Very different. My daughter is hurtling farther and farther from her sweet reverence for all things revolving around her mother. She's getting closer and closer to the dreaded teenage years.

There are a lot of new rules that I must follow, most of them made up by my daughter. Some of the basic tenets are: 1) do not wave or make eye contact with any other human being in the room, 2) do not say things like "by golly," "gee whiz" or "groovy," 3) do not tell stories from anyone's sordid past as a baby, and 4) do not, under any circumstances, wear the flowered leggings with the wide-brimmed straw hat because, "It's not the '80s anymore, you know."

The other important difference is that there will be no paintbrushes or fluffy bunny patterns waiting for you to cut out. Nooooo. The higher the grade, the better the chances of nothing but a lot of serious learning going on.

Take the other day, for instance. As soon as I arrived, the teacher steered me to the back table and explained to me that I was to — ha, ha ha — supervise a few students who needed to finish a pre-algebra math



**Family Daze**  
By Debbie Farmer

"Just help them if they have any questions," he said. Then he mumbled something about square roots and the commutative property and, I think, the formula for the creation of the universe. Then he calmly sauntered away, leaving me with nothing but my wits for survival.

Don't get me wrong. I'm a big fan of math. It comes in handy in all sorts of important situations like figuring out how much the beige Versace handbag you had your eye on will cost after it finally goes on sale for 40 percent off.

But, truth be told, as far as any kind of advanced math goes, I am sorely lacking. I'm the type of person who firmly believes that the letter "x" belongs in words, and has absolutely no business whatsoever hanging around in math problems.

Life being what it is, no sooner than I had begun to relax, than a girl raised her hand and pointed to a long string of numbers, letters and fractions that looked like some kind of Martian secret code.

"Can you help me?" she asked.

I immediately flashed back to the last time I

tried balancing the checkbook.

"Well, you see," I said, "you take this number, and move it over here; then you times it by the amount you think it should be; then subtract, oh say, \$57; then you take a wild guess and call the bank. Easy, eh?"

But it was no good. I could tell by the look she gave me that she could see right through my flimsy charade.

However, the very second I stopped speaking, something peculiar happened: memories of my own school days came flooding back. It also brought up the words to "Staying Alive," "The Hustle" and all the names of the Bee Gees. But pre-algebra was mixed in there somewhere, too.

Sure, I'd like to say everything was different after that; that we all spent the rest of the afternoon sitting at the back table discussing calculus and revising the theory of time-space continuum and all that.

But we didn't. The kids quietly finished their math papers and then went back to their seats. I went on my way, pining for the good old days of finger painting stations and reading centers.

Things were so happy and innocent then.

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## Friends of the War Memorial present Blues Night with Brass Knuckles Band

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial will host a Blues Night in the Alger House featuring the Brass Knuckles Band, at 8 p.m., Friday, March 11.

This band has been performing together in the Detroit metropolitan area for more than five years and is known for its "Good Time Rock 'n' Roll" style and Rhythm 'n' Blues.

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Tickets are \$22 per person, which includes desserts, coffee and set-ups. Beverages are welcome.

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## Emily Dickinson's poetry will be subject of the next lecture in Classic Books series

Emily Dickinson's poetic works are the focus of the third presentation in this year's Classic Books Lecture Series sponsored by the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Dr. George Bornstein will explore many of the classic poems of this American great in an hour-long lecture followed by a question and answer session. "Looking at Emily Dickinson's Poetry" will begin at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 10, in the library of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Bornstein is currently Professor of Literature at the University of Michigan and chairman of the Christian Gauss Awards committee of Phi Beta Kappa. He has written five critical books on 19th and 20th century literature. Bornstein has received

numerous awards for writing and research in the humanities, including a fellowship from the Guggenheim Foundation. He regularly teaches courses in modernist literature, Modern American Poetry, Irish Literature, Yeats and Joyce, and Jewish American Literature.

Friends' members, students and teachers will be admitted free. The cost for guests and nonmembers is \$5. To preregister, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 204. Advance registration is not required.

The Friends suggests some pre-lecture reading of Dickinson's poetry, including: "Safe in Their Alabaster Chambers," "Those Fair Fictitious People," and "I Took my Power in my Hand."

The fourth lecture in the 2005 Classic Books series

will feature T.S. Eliot's "The Waste Land." It will be given by Bornstein at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 7, in the library of Grosse Pointe South High School.

For more information about the 2005 Classic Books Lectures or to become a member of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, go to www.gpfriends.org.

## Music of 16th, 17th Century makes up Lenten program

Ann Arbor-based Vox Early Music Ensemble will present a program of Lenten music composed in the 16th and 17th centuries to be performed at the Sistine Chapel. The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore.

Renaissance music from the Sistine Chapel is often regarded as the culmination of this art form and even serves as the origin of the term "a Capella." Featured is the famous Miserere by Allegri in both its commonly performed versions with five high Cs as well as the rarely heard original version by Allegri, as re-created from original Vatican sources. Also on the program are works by Josquin, Victoria and Dufay.

Vox Early Music Ensemble is a professional Ann Arbor-based a Capella ensemble dedicated to the preservation and performance of early vocal repertoire. Vox has been under

the artistic direction of Christopher Wolverton since its inception. Members of Vox have sung professionally as soloists and ensemble artists with many vocal music ensembles, including Chanticleer, St. Paul's Cathedral (London), The Rose Ensemble, Conspirator, St. Martin's Chamber Choir and the Santa Fe Desert Chorale.

Tickets are \$18 for general admission; \$12 for seniors; \$5 for students with IDs. Tickets will be available at the door on the afternoon of the performance.

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## Parents

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parents find ways to "raise boys to become the kind of young men we want our daughters to marry."

### Surviving

#### The Tween Years

Landuyt and Dona Johnson-Beach, another Grosse Pointe School District psychologist, will discuss the developmental stage between childhood and adolescence. The audience will be given an overview of physical, cognitive, and hormonal changes and their impact on the individual and family. Parents will be given tips on how to deal with these times.

### Bedwetting

Dr. Todd Campbell, a partner with Grosse Pointe Urologic Surgeons, will discuss prevalence and some etiologies of bedwetting. He will also review strategies of resolving this common childhood problem and available resources to help parents and afflicted children.

### Love gone awry:

#### The Overindulging Parent and The Unappreciative Child

Psychotherapist John Bernardo will demonstrate how well-intentioned parents, who center their lives around their children, often do too much for their children. Rather than these children becoming more appreciative, cooperative and empathic with others, the parents discover that their children behave poorly, become oppositional and develop feelings of entitlement. Bernardo will help parents understand where and why their good intentions went wrong and how to correct the problem.

### From Pong To Grand Theft Auto: What's with Kids and Video Games

This presentation will be conducted by John Sherry, assistant professor at Michigan State University's Department of Communications.

He will summarize research on video games done with fifth-, eighth- and 11th-grade boys and girls in Michigan and Indiana; and explain the motives that propel children to dedicate large amounts of time and effort to game play. The effects, both negative and positive, will be discussed.

### Media and Early Childhood: What Parents Should Know

Children live in a media-saturated environment. Nancy Jennings, assistant professor of communications at the University of Cincinnati, will explore what is known about children's early media use and its impact on their development.

### Stressed Spelled Backwards is Desserts: How to Stress Less Through Organization and Laughter

Poupard Elementary School Principal Penny L. Stocks has designed a session to help parents cope with stress in a positive way.

Her goal is to "help parents see that their glass is half full."

The doors to the symposium will open at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast breads and coffee will be available.

After Sornson's keynote address which will begin at 9 a.m., parents will attend two seminars of their choice with the first one starting at 10:15 a.m. and the second one at 11:30 a.m. Both sessions will last approximately one hour.

To register, call the Family Center at (313) 432-4832 by noon on Friday, March 4.

## The new gender gap: Boys falling behind girls

By Beth Quinn  
Staff Writer

Recently released national studies have statistics indicating that boys are at greater risk for academic and behavioral problems than girls. The findings show that:

- Boys are six times more likely to be diagnosed as having attention deficit disorders; seven times more likely to have reading problems; and four times more likely to attempt suicide.

- Boys account for 81 percent of all school expulsions; 67 percent of special education students; and 83

percent of prison inmates.

- More girls are going to college, law and medical schools.

Researchers have found that the brain in boys and girls develop differently and at different rates. Generally, girls' left-hemisphere strengths involved speaking, reading and writing skills. For boys, the left-hemisphere strengths are centered around visual-spatial and visual-motor skills which generally enables boys to do well in geography, math and science. Many researchers believe that the typical early elementary curricu-

lum emphasize the left-brain cognitive skills of speaking, reading and writing in which girls generally excel and which usually develops at a slower rate in boys.

Studies have shown the typical code of conduct in schools favor girls' propensity toward quieter activities whereas boys need to be more active.

Students are expected to sit still, speak articulately, write legibly, and be neat and organized. These are skills at which girls typically excel and boys struggle.

Experts warn that boys

who have repeated problems in school begin to internalize the negative feedback that they receive.

They begin to believe that they are a failure and that they are "bad," at an early age so they give up trying before they have a chance to discover their strengths.

At the Family Center's Parenting Symposium, Bob Sornson, Northville School District's executive director of special services, will discuss in his seminar, Building Boys, these findings and give parents tips on how to help their sons succeed.

## Surgeon will give lecture about colorectal cancer

Colorectal cancer, commonly called colon cancer, is the third most common cancer in men and women and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. Yet when detected at an early, localized stage, the five-year survival rate is an impressive 90 percent.

When it comes to colon cancer, knowledge is the best defense. Learn about it when two Bon Secours Cottage surgeons present a free community program, "Combat Colon Cancer," from 7 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, in Connelly Auditorium, Bon Secours Hospital.

Colon cancer develops in the lower part of the digestive system, where the food you eat is processed and solid waste matter eliminated. This cancer usually develops from precancerous changes or growths, called polyps, in the lining of the colon and rectum.

Bon Secours Cottage surgeon Dr. Michael G. Taylor will discuss colon cancer risk factors, prevention, symptoms and screening methods, including colonoscopy. New, advanced surgical treatments for colon and rectal cancer will be explored by Dr. Michael N. Henein, fellowship-trained

colon and rectal surgeon. Questions will be taken from the group, and printed information on screenings will be available.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, a time to focus on increasing public awareness that colon cancer is largely preventable, treatable and beatable through regular screenings, a healthy lifestyle and expert

clinical care. Studies predict 30,000 lives could be saved a year if everyone age 50 and older got tested for colon cancer. Reservations are requested for this free community program and can be made by calling Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## BSC offers diabetes education

The Bon Secours Cottage Adult Outpatient Diabetes Education Program was awarded education recognition by the American Diabetes Association and certification by the Michigan Department of Community Health. This award is given to education programs that demonstrate quality through a rigorous and detailed peer review process.

The diabetes education program is offered to non-pregnant adults who are referred by their physicians. Learn how to eat well while staying on individual meal plans, how to exercise for fun, how to prevent long-

term problems, how to control and monitor blood sugar, and how to recognize signs of high and low blood sugar.

An individual assessment by a nurse and dietitian is required before class. The fee is covered by many insurance plans. Day and evening programs are offered at the following locations: Bon Secours Cottage Bon Brae Center, 22300 Bon Brae, St. Clair Shores; St. Philomena Church, 4281 Marseilles, Detroit; and the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Road, Warren.

For more information about dates and times, call (586) 779-7900.

## Nominate 'Mother of the Year'

Right to Life-Lifespan is seeking nominations for Mother of the Year 2005. The winning mother will be honored at Lifespan's Mother's Day dinner on Tuesday, May 3, at the San Marino Club in Troy.

Nominations must be submitted in writing, with a minimum of 1,000 words, explaining why the person qualifies. Nominations must be received no later than Wednesday, March 9. Mail or deliver nominations to

Right to Life-Lifespan, 29200 Vassar, Suite 545, Livonia, 48152.

The Mother of the Year must be a resident of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb or Livingston Counties and must be able to attend the awards dinner.

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## North advances but South slips in district hoops openers

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

During a recent meeting of Macomb Area Conference basketball coaches, several of them remarked that "Grosse Pointe North is famous for its runs."

Monday night, the Norsemen lived up to their reputation.

Detroit Denby started the second half of their Class A district quarterfinal game against North with an 8-0 run to cut the Norsemen's 13-point halftime lead to five points.

That seemed to get North's attention as the Norsemen answered with a 15-0 spurt of their own to get their lead to a more comfortable 20-point margin on the way to a 70-57 victory.

In the other district quarterfinal, Roseville came from behind to beat Grosse Pointe South 65-63 in overtime.

"It was a good win for us," said North coach Matt Trombley. "Our starters didn't have to play a ton of minutes, and that's good because if we keep winning we'll have three games this week."

Although North scored 70 points, it wasn't one of the Norsemen's better offensive performances.

"(Denby) never played us man-to-man," Trombley said. "They trapped us the whole game. That's good for us, because we'll be seeing a lot of that as the tournament goes on, but it takes you out of your normal flow."

"We've got to find a way to score, and I thought we did a good job of getting guys to the middle of the floor and attacking the basket."

As often is the case, however, Trombley was the happiest with his team's defensive play.

"The bottom line is, the defense was really good," Trombley said. "They were diving for loose balls, and closing the gaps so that we could force turnovers. That's what we talked most about before the game — playing good defense."

North led 30-17 at halftime, but Denby's fast start in the second half made it 25-20 a minute and a half into the third quarter.

That was enough for the Norsemen. Marcell Maxwell, who tied for game-scoring honors with 21 points, triggered the 15-0 surge with a pair of free throws.

North had balanced scoring during the run. Maxwell and Michael Bramos each scored four points, while David Klein had three and Jordan Savage and Henry McCain added two apiece.

North came out of the

third quarter with a 51-30 lead and the Tars never got closer than 12 points the rest of the way.

Bramos finished with 15 points and 12 rebounds. McCain had six rebounds and four steals, and Maxwell had five rebounds. Klein had three steals, while Adam Miller, Jacob Bloomhuff and Maxwell each collected three assists.

Ronald McFolley led Denby, which finished 6-15, with 21 points, including 17 in the fourth quarter. Dorian Tucker added 10 points for the Tars.

South's loss in the first game of the district at North was a heartbreaker for the Blue Devils.

Roseville tied the game at the buzzer on a desperation three-point basket from the right corner by Chris Thiel, then used the momentum to score the first six points of

the overtime.

Thiel grabbed the rebound after a missed free throw by

### Start time changed for district final

The starting time for the district championship basketball game at Grosse Pointe North Friday night has been moved from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. to alleviate a potential parking problem.

The school play is also Friday in the North Performing Arts Center, starting at 8 p.m.

By moving the start time of the game up an hour, school officials hope that the parking lot could be cleared in time for the play crowd to arrive.

South with 6.2 seconds left in regulation, raced the length of the court and hit the basket despite being closely guarded by the Blue Devils.

South drew to within a point on a basket by Andy Wolking with 6.2 seconds left in the extra period.

The Blue Devils got a huge break when Roseville's inbounds pass hit the rafters, giving South the ball under its basket.

South got off a good shot, and had a couple of tip-ins that didn't find the mark before time expired.

The defeat, which left the Blue Devils with an overall 12-9 record for the season, will be remembered as game with lost opportunities.

South never trailed in the second half and had a 51-44 lead after a three-point basket by Christian Conroy

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## Blue Devils overpower the field at the MAC Red swim meet

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's swimming team was work-

ing on two different agendas at the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championships last week-

end. However, it didn't seem to matter as the Blue Devils dominated the meet with their depth and won their fifth straight MAC Red championship.

South finished with 458 points, while Grosse Pointe North edged Romeo for second place. The Norsemen had 212 points and the Bulldogs finished with 211. Marysville was fourth with 202 points and Fraser rounded out the scoring with 100.

While the veterans on the South squad were using the meet as a tuneup for the Division I state championships on March 11-12, the younger swimmers were getting a taste of what it's like to compete in a major meet.

"Our state swimmers weren't fully rested for this meet because their focus is on two weeks from now," said Blue Devils coach Bill Thompson.

"The biggest thing from

today is how pleased I am with the younger kids, the freshmen and sophomores. They've had some huge time drops. I'm pleased with their progress. We're losing 10 fantastic seniors, so our depth is going to take a big hit. We need these young

kids to come through next year."

Assistant coach Eric Gunderson also was excited about the future.

"If our young guys keep progressing, they can be where our juniors and seniors are now," Gunderson

said. "We had them visualize what they wanted to do in this meet, what they had to do to have a perfect race."

The most exciting race of the day came in the 500-yard freestyle where Romeo's Anthony Serio

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Photo by Bob Roszbach

Grosse Pointe South's Pete Stevens was one of two double winners in the MAC Red Championships.

## South skaters start strong in state tournament opener

Grosse Pointe South's hockey team got off to a good start in the Division II state tournament Monday with a 6-2 victory over L'Anse Creuse North.

It took only a minute and 16 seconds for the Blue Devils to get on the scoreboard.

Taylor Ryan took a pass from Tom MacEachern, skated into the Crusaders' zone, cut to the net and beat the goalie with an excellent shot.

"Taylor had a great game, and that's the way we need him to play for us to keep winning," said South coach Bob Bopp.

South made it 2-0 at 5:02 of the first period on a goal by Joey Parke, assisted by Frankie DeLaura and Ryan Abraham.

Parke scored again at 8:28 while South was on a power play. Ryan had the only assist.

"You could see before the game that Joey was really ready to win this game and he came out playing with great confidence and intensity," Bopp said.

"All of our players were serious about this game."

South tried to force the issue on offense and LCN took advantage of it and scored on a 2-on-1 break that Blue Devils goalie Brad Allemon had little chance to stop.

LCN scored the only goal of the second period to cut the lead to 3-2.

"We were clearly the better team but I was a little concerned because we had so many scoring chances, and it was close so late in the game," Bopp said.

South had an apparent goal disallowed in the second period when the referee ruled that the puck had been kicked into the net.

DeLaura gave the Blue

Devils some breathing room when he scored at 4:31. DeLaura, Abraham and Tim Shield were all over the Crusaders' net, and DeLaura scored from the edge of the crease.

Abraham scored at 5:59, assisted by Shield and Bryan Mansfield, and at 12:03 Shield capped the scoring, assisted by DeLaura and Abraham.

"Our yellow line of Shield, DeLaura and Abraham really took the game over in the third period and made sure we won," Bopp said. "This line has had success all year, and we'll need them to play well to keep winning."

South will play the winner of Tuesday's De La Salle-Anchor Bay game at 5:30 tonight, March 3, at City Sports Center.

The regional championship game will be at 7:30 Saturday.

## Knights' 'team' effort leads to district win

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Head coach Dean Ristovski could finally sit back and smile after guiding his University Liggett School boys basketball team to a 72-56 win over Detroit University Prep in Monday's Class C district first-round game at Clawson.

"We felt comfortable about our matchup, and our kids really played with confidence tonight," Ristovski said. "We passed the ball very well, rebounded, and

scored some easy baskets in transition, which we knew we could get."

The Knights trailed 5-2 early but put on the burners, running off nine of the next 13 points to lead 14-9. Sophomore Carlton Snyder, Jr., led the charge, scoring four points and grabbing four rebounds.

Ristovski watched role players Gary David-Headd, Andrew Scott, Adam Heaney, Matthew Langston, and Joseph Conway help the Knights build their lead to

25-10 before University Prep made a charge, cutting its deficit to 27-21 at the half.

"I told the guys at the half to spread the court and look for the open man cutting to the hoop," Ristovski said. "That play was open all night, and our kids did a good job of exploiting Prep's weaknesses."

Senior Jonathan Wright, limited to only two minutes of playing time in the first

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Photo by Bob Roszbach

Grosse Pointe South's swimmers and coaches celebrate their fifth straight Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship.

## North spikers win district title

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Head coach Kim Lockhart just wins, plain and simple.

After reviving a dead and buried South Lake girls volleyball program and leading it to back-to-back district titles, Lockhart left for Grosse Pointe North.

Lockhart has been at North for three years, and last weekend she guided the Lady Norsemen to their

third consecutive Class A district championship, beating rival Grosse Pointe South 25-14, 16-25, 22-25, 25-12, 18-16.

"It was a wild match," Lockhart said. "South played us tough, and it made some nice plays, but our girls found a way to win."

"We were so close, as has been the case the past couple of years," South head

coach Kevin Nugent said. "We were prepared for North, and I thought we were in position to win, but fell short in the end. I have to give North a lot of credit, but we were right there."

North junior Jessi Koltun, back at 100 percent after falling ill for a couple of weeks in early February, posted a single-game record 28 kills, breaking the previous mark of 24 set by senior Liz Andary during the prior match against Sterling Heights.

Junior setter Danielle Zohrob also set a single-game record of 49 assists, breaking her own record of 47 set earlier in the season.

As for Andary, she was her steady self, posting 11 kills and 19 digs. Junior Erica Gaitley finished with 25 service points, including seven straight that helped North build a 16-3 lead in game four.

The host Lady Norsemen had little trouble of disposing of the Lady Blue Devils in the first game, but Nugent rallied his squad, which won the next two games to be on the brink of a district title.

They had chances to win the match in four games, but Lockhart watched her girls rally to pull out an easy win in game four, sending the district championship match

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Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

Teammates, from left, Dana Schweitzer, Lauren Russell and Rachel Sullivan, watch Grosse Pointe South's Margi Scholtes score a point against Anchor Bay in the Blue Devils' regular-season finale.

# North's transition game key to wins over Lancers, Huskies

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe North's boys basketball team put an exclamation mark on its unblemished division record last week, beating L'Anse Creuse 59-46 and Port Huron Northern 63-45.

"We're getting ready for the districts, and we wanted to come out this week and play with the intensity I think these players needed," head coach Matt Trombley said.

The host Norsemen played an outstanding first

and third quarter against L'Anse Creuse, outscoring the Lancers 30-15 during those 16 minutes of play.

They turned a 10-point halftime lead (29-19) into a 25-point cushion (52-27) midway through the third period.

"Our defense was pretty good," Trombley said. "It allowed us to get a lot of easy baskets in transition."

North's transition game turned out five dunks during the game, three by senior Mike Bramos and two by senior Marcell Maxwell, including one off a missed shot that he corralled on the putback and slammed it home over a host of players.

Trombley watched his defense force 23 Lancer turnovers.

"We weren't perfect tonight, but the guys played a good game and got the job done," Trombley said. "It is nice to be in position to finish undefeated in division play, but our ultimate goal is to win a district title and go from there."

Bramos finished with 17 points, while senior Henry McCain had 10 points and seven rebounds. Senior David Klein was also in double digits, scoring 10 points.

Maxwell had eight points and eight rebounds, and senior Andy Bennett chipped in with five points and several assists.

Against host Port Huron Northern, everyone had a chance to play for a second consecutive game, and the victory stretched North's winning streak to 15 games.

"We were up by a point late in the second quarter and then went on a 30-4 run," said assistant coach Gary Bennett.

Bennett was filling in for Trombley, whose wife gave birth to the couple's first child earlier Friday.

"Henry had a really good third quarter," Bennett said. "He was the big difference for us."

McCain scored all six of his points in the quarter as North turned a 33-25 halftime lead into a 58-30 advantage after three quarters.

Bramos led the Norsemen with 20 points. Maxwell had 15 and Klein added 10.

Tom Ciotti had a team-high eight rebounds, includ-

ing seven offensive rebounds. Maxwell and Bramos collected six rebounds apiece.

"Tom worked hard under the boards," Bennett said.

Andy Bennett, Klein and Bramos each had three assists and Klein had three steals.

Grosse Pointe North ended its regular season 12-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 18-2 overall.

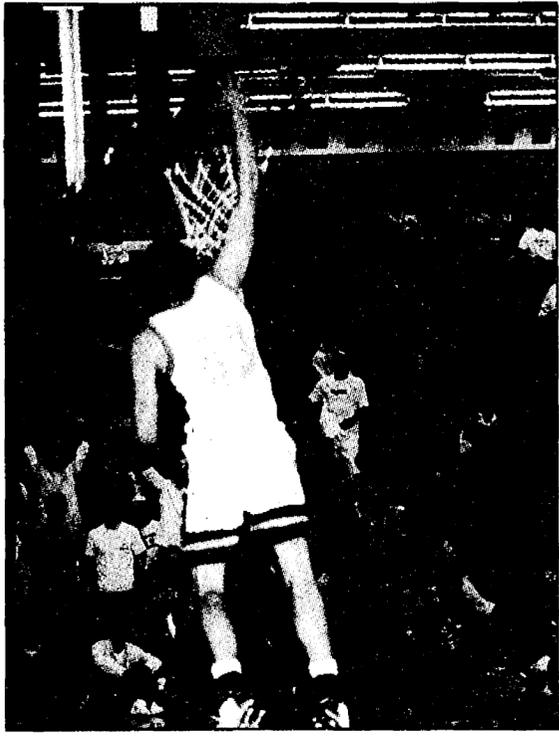


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap  
Grosse Pointe North's Michael Bramos brings the crowd to its feet with this dunk against L'Anse Creuse.

## Swim

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edged South's Casey Browning by seven-hundredths of a second.

It isn't often that the margin of victory in the 500 freestyle is less than in the 50 freestyle, but that was the case Saturday.

Serio's winning time of 4:43.52 was a meet record, beating the old mark of 4:44.76 set by North's Mike O'Connor in 1996.

Browning also beat the old record and both swimmers had state-qualifying times.

"That was a great race," Thompson said. "Those two have been battling for three years, and they'll see each other again at the state meet."

Browning and Serio reversed their roles in the 200 freestyle. Browning had a winning time of 1:44.77, which was only .11 off the meet record set by South's Jeff Jogan in 1991. Serio was second in 1:46.35. Once again, both swimmers, along with third-place finisher Argent Palumbo of Fraser, achieved state cuts in the event.

South won nine of the 12 events, including all three relays.

The Blue Devils' Pete Stevens was one of two double winners in the meet. The South senior posted an easy win in the 200 individual medley with a state-qualifying time of 2:04.02 and he came back to win the 100 breaststroke in 1:02.91, which was also a state cut. Stevens won both of his events by nearly three seconds.

The other double winner was Marysville's Joshua Koglin, who was first in the 50 and 100 freestyle races. Koglin was also selected swimmer of the meet in a vote of the division coaches.

South's Luke Richard won

the 100 butterfly in 54.96 in a close race with Marysville's Matthew Spradling, and Richard was second to Koglin in the 50. Richard and Spradling both had state cuts in the butterfly.

David Richardson-Rosbach won the 100 backstroke in 56.79, achieving a state cut in the event. Richardson-Rosbach was second in the 100 freestyle.

South's Justin Linne was first in diving with a score of 382.75 points. Teammate Ty Lattimore was second with 332.05.

"Justin was 21st in the state meet last year and he's diving much better this year, so I think he could have a top 10 finish at state," said Blue Devils diving coach Chad Hepner, who still holds the MAC record in the event.

"Justin has a good combination of explosiveness and grace. He worked for a couple of months at Eastern Michigan University in the fall, so he came into the season in good shape."

Linne, a senior, started diving as an eighth-grader.

"But it really didn't click until the end of his sophomore year," Hepner said. "He's been improving ever since."

South's relays all achieved state cuts. The 200 medley relay team of Robby Browning, Stevens, Richard and Ryan Gunderson won in 1:42.42. The 200 freestyle relay team of Gunderson, Alex Bordyukov, Jon Sax and Casey Browning had a winning time of 1:31.82, and the 400 freestyle relay team, consisting of Richard, Sax, Richardson-Rosbach and Casey Browning was clocked in 3:20.77.

North coach Mike O'Connor said that the Norsemen's second place finish — which came without any first places — was "a great team effort."

The Norsemen had season-best performances in several events, and several of North's swimmers swam their best races of the season in multiple events.

Chris Blunden had season bests in the 50 and 100 freestyle; Robert Briski, 100 and 200 freestyle; Matt Lane, 200 and 500 freestyle; Andrew Fly, 100 breaststroke and 200 individual medley; Jeff Moore, breaststroke and IM; Ryan Boury, 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly; Roy Lucier, 100 backstroke and 200 IM; Scotty Moore, 100 backstroke and 100 butterfly; and Mike Kedzierski, 100 butterfly and 200 IM.

Others with season-best

times were John Schultes, 50 freestyle; Michael Van Beek, 100 freestyle; Tim Schultes, 100 freestyle; Mike Walton, 100 backstroke; and Chris Bill, 100 breaststroke.

Divers Edwin Whitfield, Cory Fogelsong and Scott Ulrich had their best scores of the season.

Following are the winners of each event and the North and South swimmers who finished among the top 12:

**200-yard medley relay:** 1, Grosse Pointe South (Robby Browning, Pete Stevens, Luke Richard, Ryan Gunderson), 1:42.42 (state cut). 3, Grosse Pointe North (Mike Walton, Andrew Fly, Mike Kedzierski, Ryan Boury), 1:50.56.

**200 freestyle:** 1, Casey Browning, South, 1:44.77 (state cut). 4, Wilson Holm, South, 1:50.09. 5, Michael Van Beek, North, 1:54.34. 6, Danny Basile, South, 1:58.85. 7, Jeff Tompkins, South, 1:53.41. 11, Matt Lane, North, 2:03.78.

**200 individual medley:** 1, Pete Stevens, South, 2:04.02 (state cut). 6, Michael Manos, South, 2:17.65. 7, Andrew Fly, North, 2:15.85. 8, Mike Kedzierski, North, 2:22.03. 9, Roy Lucier, North, 2:23.54. 10, Jack Hessburg, South, 2:24.78.

**50 freestyle:** 1, Josh Koglin, Marysville, 22.53 (state cut). 2, Luke Richard, South, 22.84. 3, Ryan Gunderson, South, 23.10. 4, Karl Tech, North, 23.54. 5, Alex Bordyukov, South, 23.71. 6, Alex Garbarino, South, 24.09. 10, Chris Blunden, North, 24.28. 11, Ryan Boury, North, 24.38.

**One-meter diving:** 1, Justin Linne, South, 382.75 points. 2, Ty Lattimore, South, 332.05. 5, Alex Oddo, South, 268.50. 6, Edwin Whitfield, North, 226.35. 7, Spencer MacGriff, South, 199.95. 8, Cory Fogelsong, North, 172.65. 9, Scott Ulrich, North, 170.20.

**100 butterfly:** 1, Luke Richard, South, 54.96 (state cut). 3, Andrew Graham, South, 56.95. 4, Robby Browning, South, 58.25. 5, Mike Kedzierski, North, 59.22. 6, Joe Ryan, South, 1:00.80. 7, Ryan Boury, North, 1:00.75. 9, Brian Cornillie, North, 1:02.25. 10, Scotty Moore, North, 1:08.28.

**100 freestyle:** 1, Josh Koglin, Marysville, 49.73 (state cut). 2, David Richardson-Rosbach, South, 50.59. 3, Ryan Gunderson, South, 50.67. 7, Chris Blunden, North, 53.14. 8, Karl Tech, North, 53.31. 9, Alex Bordyukov, South, 54.60. 10, Alex Garbarino, South, 55.71.

**500 freestyle:** 1, Anthony Serio, Romeo, 4:43.52 (breaks MAC record of 4:44.76 set by North's Mike O'Connor in 1996; state cut). 2, Casey Browning, South, 4:43.59 (state cut). 4, Jon Sax, South, 5:03.72. 5, Michael Van Beek, North, 5:10.47. 6, Danny Basile, South, 5:12.00. 7, Jeff Tompkins, South, 5:05.69. 10, Matt Lane, North, 5:41.10. 11, Roy Lucier, North, 5:41.35.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1, Grosse Pointe South (Ryan Gunderson, Alex Bordyukov, Jon Sax, Casey Browning), 1:31.82 (state cut). 2, Grosse Pointe North (Karl Tech, Ryan Boury, Chris Blunden, Michael Van Beek), 1:33.18.

**100 backstroke:** 1, David Richardson-Rosbach, South, 56.79 (state cut). 3, Robby Browning, South, 59.04. 4, Wilson Holm, South, 1:01.97. 7, Mike Walton, North, 1:03.38. 8, Scotty Moore, North, 1:05.10.

**100 breaststroke:** 1, Pete Stevens, South, 1:02.91 (state cut). 3, Michael Manos, South, 1:06.76. 5, Andrew Fly, North, 1:08.79. 6,

City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

### CANCELLATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

CVS - SPECIAL USE REQUEST

Please take notice that the Grosse Pointe Planning Commission Public Hearing scheduled for March 7, 2005 regarding a Special Use Request of CVS, 17120 Kercheval was published in error on February 24, 2005.

The Planning Commission will **NOT** hold a public hearing regarding a Special Use Request on Monday, March 7th.

**Julie E. Arthurs**  
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 03/03/05

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Wayne County, Michigan will be in session in the Municipal Building, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, for the purpose of reviewing the 2005 Assessment Roll:

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2005  
9 am to 9 pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2005  
9 am to 5 pm

Hearings are by appointment only, contact (313) 822-4361 to schedule.

Resident taxpayers or their representative must appear in person. Written appeals accepted postmarked no later than March 23, 2005.

BOARD OF REVIEW  
City Of Grosse Pointe Park

**Diann H. Lulis**  
Assessor

GPN: 03/03/05, 03/10/05, 03/17/05

Lake Township

### ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2005/06 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

To the electors of Lake Township, Macomb County, Michigan:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Electors of Lake Township will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2005. The Board will convene in the first floor Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. All matters required by law to be acted upon by the Township Electors will be considered at said Annual Meeting.

A public hearing will also be held at the time of the Annual Meeting on March 14, 2005 on the adoption of the Township Budget for Fiscal Year 2005/06, of which a copy is available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk, 795 Lake Shore Road (second floor), Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. The public may provide written and/or oral comments on the budget.

**Raymond Suwinski,**  
Township Clerk

GPN: 03/03/05

### CITY OF HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC NOTICE FINAL PROJECT SELECTION 2005

At a Public Hearing held on Wednesday, February 23, 2005, the following projects were selected to meet federal guidelines and service objectives and were approved for inclusion in the 2005 Community Development Block Grant Application:

1. S.O.C. Minor Home Repair	\$ 39,000
2. P.A.A.T.S.	24,700
3. Kelly Road	33,500
4. Administration	10,800
Estimated Total Grant	\$108,000

G.P.N.: 03/03/2005  
POSTED: 02/28/2005

**Mickey D. Todd,**  
City Clerk

City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

### PUBLIC NOTICE 2005 REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLL

The 2005 REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLL will be complete and available for public inspection at our Municipal Office, 17147 Maumee Avenue:

MARCH 7, 2005 through MARCH 18, 2005  
(Saturdays and Sundays excluded)  
During the Hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The estimated State-Equalization factor for 2005 is 1.0000 Residential and 1.0000 Commercial. The Taxable Value increase is limited to 2.3% unless the property was transferred in 2004.

All complaints will be considered by the BOARD OF REVIEW which will convene on Monday, March 21, 2005 and Tuesday, March 22, 2005.

**Karen A. Johnson**  
Assessor

G.P.N.: 03/03/05, 03/10/05

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

Notice of Review of the 2005 Assessment Roll: Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Community Center of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 and Tuesday, March 22, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST, for reviewing the 2005 Assessment Roll. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by their assessment or who have any questions or comments, may make an appointment to appeal before the Board of Review by contacting the Tax Department (phone: 313 343 2440 ext. 215) between February 25 and March 14, 2005. Resident taxpayers must appear in person or send an agent to appeal their assessment. Tentative State Equalized Factors: Commercial property 1.000; Industrial property 1.000; Residential property 1.000; Personal Property 1.000.

G.P.N.: 02/24/2005  
3/03/2005, 3/10/2005

**Kathleen L. Paul,**  
City Assessor

# South wraps up league hockey title with win over Richard

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South hockey coach Bob Bopp had a succinct summary of the Blue Devils' final game of the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League season.

"It was a game we needed to win, and should have won, and did win," Bopp said after South's 5-0 shutout of Riverview Gabriel Richard.

The victory gave the Blue Devils first place in the East Division of the league with an 11-3-0 record.

South came out strong but couldn't beat the Pioneers' goalie in the opening period.

However, it took only 1:16 of the second period for the Blue Devils to break the scoreless tie.

Joey Parke, who always seems to be in the middle of the action for South, got the goal, assisted by Mac Brookes and Tom Porter.

Then the floodgates opened. Two minutes later, Tim Shield scored from Anthony Swancoat. Five minutes into the period, Alex Alvarez made it 3-0, with Porter getting the assist.

"Alex is a really good player, but with the depth we have at forward, he hasn't seen a lot of ice time," Bopp said. "When he does play, he makes the most of it."

Parke scored an unassisted goal to make it 4-0, and David Allshuler capped the scoring in the final minute of the second period. Sam Mott and Jimmy Marshall assisted on Allshuler's first

goal of the season.

"David is a player who works hard every day in practice, but again, because of the depth on our team, hasn't seen much ice time," Bopp said. "All the players and coaches were very happy to see him score."

Brad Allemon and Mike Grob split the goaltending duties. Allemon made eight saves, while Grob, who was playing for the first time this season, turned away 10 shots.

South closed out the regular season with a 4-2 non-league loss to Grosse Ile, which is ranked in Division III.

"The game didn't mean a lot as far as the season goes, but it was against a good

team, and we would have liked to finish up with a strong game and a win," Bopp said.

The teams traded power-play goals in the first period. Grosse Ile's Julian Mikola scored on a deflection at 7:31, but South answered with the first of Swancoat's two goals at 11:48. Porter and Parke assisted.

Allemon made a couple of good saves after South turnovers set up scoring chances for the Red Devils.

The Blue Devils had a couple of excellent scoring opportunities at the start of the second period but Grosse Ile goalie Aaron Taylor made a spectacular glove save on Shield, and South couldn't get control of the rebound

after Taylor made the save on Bryan Mansfield's shot.

After that, Grosse Ile carried the play for most of the period and got goals from Tommy Conti at 5:39 and Cody Holzworth at 8:43.

"In the second period we didn't play well at all," Bopp said. "They were beating us to the puck and it looked like our players had their minds elsewhere."

South played much better in the third period and cut the Red Devils' lead to 3-2 on Swancoat's goal at 4:05, assisted by Parke.

"Parke and Swancoat have been great all year," Bopp said of his two seniors. "Anthony has scored a lot of points as a defenseman, but his strong point is still his

defensive play.

"Joey has been great all year, too. We're really going to miss both of them after the season's over."

South was pressing for the equalizer when the Blue Devils got a penalty at 6:40. Four seconds later, another South player was sent off on a call that the Blue Devils' coaches questioned.

It took only 23 seconds of the two-man advantage for Grosse Ile's Bill Given to score the insurance goal.

Swancoat and Parke each had good scoring chances in the last 3 1/2 minutes, but Taylor came up with some key saves to preserve the lead.

South finished the regular season with a 17-6-1 record.

## Norsemen avoid injury, get a win in finale

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Scott Lock wanted one thing, first and foremost, from his Grosse Pointe North hockey team's final regular season game.

"I just wanted to get out of there without anybody getting hurt for the playoffs," Lock said.

The Norsemen's coach got his wish, and a little bit more — a 3-2 victory over Livonia Churchill.

"The Churchill coach and I were both telling our players, 'no extra hitting,' but I don't think the players on either team were listening," Lock said. "Fortunately, nobody got hurt."

North got the victory when Jon Tibaudo scored his second goal of the game late in the third period. Tibaudo's goal made Steve

Mannino the winning goalie for the first time in his career as a Norseman.

"It was good to see him get the win," Lock said. "He came in for (Jordan) Zielke with about 10 minutes to go. He made six saves, and some of them were nice ones to preserve the lead."

Colin Brown got the other goal for the Norsemen, who finished the season with a 16-6-2 overall record.

"It was a pretty good year," Lock said. "I think the one we'd really like to have back is the loss in the first Port Huron Northern game."

Earlier, the Norsemen's seven-game unbeaten streak ended with a 4-3 loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary.

"That's a good hockey team," Lock said of the Eaglets. "Right now, they might be the team to beat in

Division III."

It was an up-and-down hockey game with a lot of good chances for each team. North had a 36-33 advantage in shots as both goalies played well.

"(Evan) Chase made some phenomenal saves for us," Lock said.

St. Mary led 2-0 midway through the second period, but North came back with three straight goals to take a 3-2 lead into the third period.

"We had a chance to tie the game right at the end when Tibaudo had a wide open net, but he got tackled," Lock said.

Robbie Ireland and Mike Yakamovich each collected a goal and an assist for the Norsemen, while Peter Watson had North's other goal.

"We were a little short-handed because Brown and (Julien) Horrie were sick, but Yakamovich moved up to take Brown's place on that line and he had a real good game."

Jeff Rohrkemper has also been playing well at forward for the Norsemen.

"He's playing great two-way hockey," Lock said. "He's creating a lot of chances on offense and he's killing penalties. He has really stepped up his game."

North is playing in the Division II regional at City Sports Center. The Norsemen played Berkley on Tuesday.

The winner of that game was scheduled to play L'Anse Creuse at 8 p.m. tonight, March 3. The championship game is at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.



Photo by G. Neal

Grosse Pointe North juniors Caitlin Bennett, background, and Erica Gaitley, foreground, played well as the Lady Norsemen lost in three games to highly ranked L'Anse Creuse.

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to a fifth-and-deciding game.

It was back and forth and in the end the Lady Norsemen pulled off the marathon victory in an intense and exciting finish when Gaitley served an ace.

"We had a couple of chances to win earlier in the game (up 14-12 and 14-13), but South got the points," Lockhart said. "South also had one chance to win (up 15-14), but we were able to win that point and get the next two to win. My heart was pounding during that final game, and it's great for our girls to win a third straight district title. It means a lot for us since our season has been full of surprises."

South was led by senior setter Rachel Sullivan, junior hitter Margi Scholtes, and junior blocker Lauren Russell.

In the semifinals, North beat Detroit Finney 25-7, 25-8, 25-2, while South defeated Detroit Denby 25-12, 25-12, 25-9.

For North, senior Melissa Watz led the way with 22 service points as everyone played. Nugent was also able to get everyone on his roster into the match against Denby.

"We were focused and we played well to get another shot at North in the finals," Nugent said.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 22-13-1, while Grosse Pointe South finished its season 26-10-9.

"I'm proud of the girls," Nugent said. "We started the year 6-6-5, but the girls really stepped it up and finished with a flurry. We're looking forward to next year."

Coming up for the Lady Norsemen is a regional semifinal at noon on Saturday, March 5, against two-time defending Class A state champ Fraser on their home court.

North and Fraser split their division matches this season with each winning on its home court.

"It helps playing on our home court because we're two even teams," Lockhart said. "Our blockers have to

come up big against Fraser's two big hitters. If we're successful doing that, we have a good chance to win."

Earlier in the week, North tuned up for the districts by finishing its league schedule against L'Anse Creuse and Sterling Heights.

"These matches give the girls a chance to get a couple of matches in right before the districts," Lockhart said. "We needed the competition to keep us in the groove, and we were finally able to play a match with a completely healthy squad. That hasn't happened in a month."

The host Lady Norsemen lost 27-29, 14-25, 16-25 to state-ranked L'Anse Creuse and beat host Sterling Heights 14-25, 25-19, 23-25, 25-23, 15-9.

"We played really well against L'Anse Creuse in the opening game and should have won it," Lockhart said. "It was downhill during the final couple of games because we didn't have the same intensity as we did in the first game. I was happy with our role players. They stepped up their play."

Gaitley led the way with 17 digs, three aces, and four kills, while junior, Caitlin Bennett had 12 digs.

Zohrob had 26 assists, while Andary had 13 kills and nine digs, and Koltun had nine kills and two blocks.

In the Sterling Heights match, Andary again broke the single-game kill mark, collecting 24.

"It was closer than it should have been, but overall the girls were able to end the league schedule with a win," Lockhart said. "Playing these tough division matches really helped us out when we had to step up our game in order to beat South."

Both North and South could be division rivals next season when the Macomb Area Conference shuffles its divisions for the 2005 season.

"We should be moved up a division, and I hope North stays because it would be great to play them twice during the regular season as division rivals," Nugent said.

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's senior basketball players weren't taking any chances that coach Jay Ritchie would forget about them next season.

"I thought they played great," Ritchie said after

Eric Berschback, Eddie Barclay and Andy Wolking made huge contributions to the Blue Devils' 63-45 victory over Utica Ford II in the regular-season finale last Friday.

"I think they wanted me to really miss them. Next year, when I'm talking to the



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

Grosse Pointe South's Dave Baldwin is fouled as he takes a shot against Dakota.

### City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The above Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

An Ordinance to Repeal Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, Boards & Commissions; Division 3, Insurance Commission, Sections 2-221 thru 2-229.

Louise S. Warnke  
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 03/03/2005

### GROSSE POINTE SOCCER ASSOCIATION HOUSE AND METRO LEAGUES



Grosse Pointe Soccer Association (GPSA) is currently holding open registration for the U6 through U14 girls and boys House and Metro Soccer Leagues.

The registration deadline has been extended to March 12, 2005 without late fees.

Registration forms and instructions on how to register your child in the House and Metro Soccer Leagues may be obtained by visiting the GPSA web site at [www.grossepointesoccer.com](http://www.grossepointesoccer.com).

Registration forms are also available at any one of the Grosse Pointe Public Libraries.

For more information, please visit the GPSA web site or call 886-6790.

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# South girls win 5-0 in hockey showdown with Cranbrook

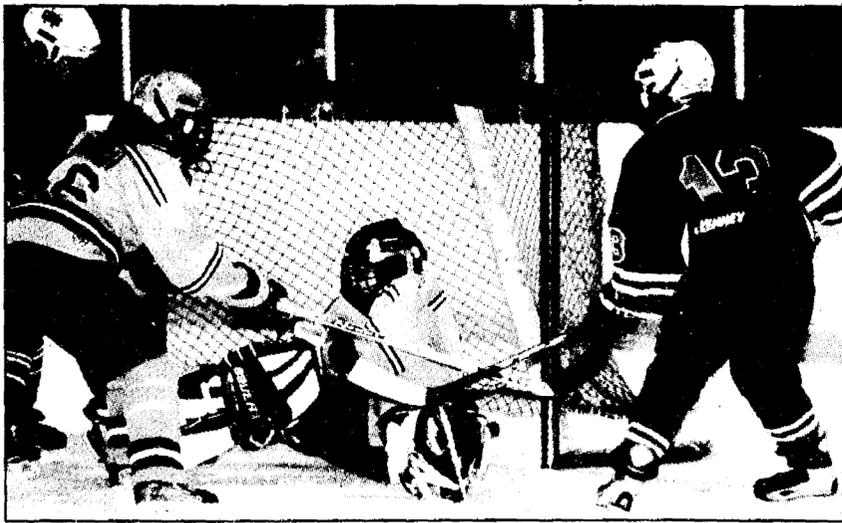


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap  
Grosse Pointe South goalie Whitney (Howie) Hughes makes an outstanding save to preserve her shutout against Cranbrook Kingswood. Blue Devils defenseman Katie Dosch ties up the Cranes' Tarasai Karega, who is waiting for a rebound.

It wasn't your typical Grosse Pointe South-Cranbrook Kingswood girls hockey battle.

Instead of the usual close contest, the Blue Devils dominated the Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League contest from start to finish on the way to a 5-0 victory over the Cranes.

South leads the league with a 19-0 record, while Cranbrook, which lost the earlier meeting 5-4 in overtime, is 17-2.

South opened the scoring on its first shift of the game when Sarah Parker got a goal, assisted by Katie Dosch and Hilliary Inger, at the 37-second mark.

At 3:48 of the first period, league scoring leader Ali Morawski went end-to-end

to score an unassisted goal.

Amanda Marsh made it 3-0 at 10:51 of the opening period as she cycled around the net and lifted a shot over goalie Hilary Schreiber. Parker and Inger assisted.

South outshot Cranbrook 18-5 in the first period.

The Cranes stepped up their defense in the second and third periods, but so did South as the teams combined for only 17 shots.

The Blue Devils denied Cranbrook open ice to get organized and use its speed.

Alex Rentz scored the only goal of the second period at 12:20, assisted by Annie Shepard. Morawski completed the scoring with a power-play goal 33 seconds into the third period. Marsh assisted on the final goal.

South finished with a 25-15 advantage in shots.

Earlier, the Blue Devils

rolled past Northville 9-3 and overwhelmed Bloomfield 10-0.

## Two Norsemen qualify for state wrestling

Grosse Pointe North wrestlers Spencer Channell and Ryan Stephens have qualified for the state Division I individual wrestling championships at the Palace of Auburn Hills from March 10-12.

Channell lost a close match to Catholic Central's John Marasso in the heavy-weight final in the regional at Monroe last week.

Stephens was third at 160 pounds when he beat Kyle Lis of Livonia Stevenson in the consolation final.

## South baseball camp to be held on March 19

The 14th annual Grosse Pointe South Baseball Instructional Camp will be held in the school's gymnasium on Saturday, March 19.

The camp is open to boys and girls from the fourth through eighth grades. The cost is \$45 per player, and all proceeds go to the South baseball program. Checks should be made payable to

the Grosse Pointe South Dugout Club.

Instructors are South varsity and junior varsity players and coaches.

The camp will be held in two sessions. One is from 9 a.m. until noon, and the other is from 1 to 4 p.m.

Camp director Dan Griesbaum, the head varsity

baseball coach at South, urged campers to sign up early so that they can be assured of the session they prefer.

The registration deadline is March 17. There will be no registration at the door.

Registration forms are available on the counter in the main office at South, by

calling Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834 or by e-mailing him at Dan.griesbaum@gpschools.org.

Forms were also distributed at the local Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball registrations.

Campers will rotate through seven stations that feature instruction in hitting, pitching, infield play, outfield play, baserunning, sliding and catching.

Players are expected to bring their own equipment and to be dressed in proper baseball attire.

Local youth coaches are invited to attend the camp for free to observe or videotape the drills.

### City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS:** 2005 MISCELLANEOUS SIDEWALK & DRIVEWAY APPROACH; REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN DISTRICT #1 (AEW PROJECT NO. 160-269). RECEIPT OF BIDS The City of Grosse Pointe Woods will receive sealed bids until 10:00am local time on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. DESCRIPTION OF WORK The approximate quantities involved in this work are as follows: Remove and Replace 4" Concrete Sidewalk 30,000 SF Remove and Replace 6" Concrete Sidewalk and Driveway Approach 16,000 SF together with related appurtenances as well as clean-up and restoration. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS Plans and specifications are on file and copies may be secured on Tuesday, February 22, 2005, at 1:00 pm, at the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315. A fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) will be required for each set of proposed plans and specifications and will not be refunded. A mailing fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to cover handling and postage will be charged to anyone wishing to receive the plans and specifications via United Parcel Services. Specifications and plans are also on file for viewing at the office of the City Clerk. BID SECURITY A certified check, bank draft, or satisfactory bid bond, executed by the bidder and a surety company, payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods Treasurer, in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the bid amount, shall be submitted with each bid. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of bids. AWARD OF CONTRACT The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in bidding. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, maintenance and guarantee, labor, and material bonds and insurance certificates.

Louise S. Warnke,  
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 03/03/2005

### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2005

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present except for John M. Szymanski and Hugh Marshall.

#### MOTIONS PASSED

- To excuse Councilperson(s) John M. Szymanski and Hugh Marshall from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 17, 2005, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Election Commission meeting held on December 29, 2004, the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System meeting held on January 24, 2005, the School District of Harper Woods Election Coordinating Committee meeting held on January 25, 2005 and the Planning Commission meeting held on January 26, 2005.
- To remove from Tabled and Pending Items regarding the compensation levels for Mayor and City Council as recommended by the Local Officers Compensation Commission.
- To table the request from Ugly Duckling Saloon, Inc. to transfer ownership of 2004 Class C licensed business located at 20912 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, Michigan from the Dillon Corporation (Step II).
- To hold a Public Hearing on February 23, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input and comment on the 2005 Community Development Block Grant Program.
- To hold a public hearing in a special meeting to be held on February 28, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input and comment on a proposed lease of park land, and further, to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this hearing in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- To add to the agenda a request to adopt the Proof of Authority Resolution for Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Election Equipment Purchase.
- To Table the Goal Setting Session until the whole City Council is present.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

#### RESOLUTION PASSED

- To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 72844 through 73091 in the amount of \$759,931.67 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment in the amount of \$30,839.05 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City's pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pumping Station for the period July 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. (3) Approve payment to Aielli Construction in the amount of \$5,110.51 for services performed on a water main break the City experienced in December.
- To approve the purchase of four (4) police vehicles in the amount of \$77,659.00 through the Macomb County Extended Purchasing Agreement and, further, in that these vehicles were competitively bid by Macomb County that the City's formal competitive bidding process be waived.
- To adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution related to the City's Annual Permit to Work on State Highways.
- To approve payment to Galui Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$22,339.62 for Progress Payment No. 8 on the 2003/04 Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-076/081.
- To adopt the following resolution: WHEREAS, the City of Harper Woods wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase an optical scan voting system and related Election Management System (EMS) software to comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). WHEREAS, the City of Harper Woods City Council has chosen to submit a grant application for a new optical scan voting system in 2005. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Harper Woods City Clerk is authorized to submit this grant application on behalf of the City of Harper Woods, Wayne County on this 7th day of February, 2005.
- To adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing labor contract negotiations.

Kenneth A. Poynter,  
Mayor

Mickey D. Todd,  
City Clerk

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## South

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five rebounds.

Frank Ramanauskas and Jeff Donaghue led Ford with 10 points apiece and Ramanauskas grabbed 10 rebounds.

In the Dakota game, South snapped a 29-29 deadlock after three quarters and the Blue Devils made their free throws down the stretch to secure the victory.

South was 16-for-19 from the free throw line, with Cruse connecting on all eight of his attempts.

Cruse had a team-high 14 points, while Wolking finished with 10 and Conroy had nine.



Photo by Bob Bruce

University Liggett School senior Jonathan Wright, No. 32, led the Knights past Detroit University Prep in Monday's Class C district quarterfinal game at Clawson.

### CITY OF HARPER WOODS POLICE DEPARTMENT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

#### NOTICE

#### AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on March 10, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

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POSTED: February 25, 2005  
G.P.N.: March 3, 2005

Sgt. Ralph E. Selvaggi,  
Traffic Safety Section

## Grosse Pointe Township

### ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2005/06 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

To the electors of Grosse Pointe Township, Wayne County, Michigan:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Electors of Grosse Pointe Township will be held at 8:05 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2005. The Board will convene in the first floor Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. All matters required by law to be acted upon by the Township Electors will be considered at said Annual Meeting.

A public hearing will also be held at the time of the Annual Meeting on March 15, 2005 on the adoption of the Township Budget for Fiscal Year 2005/06, of which a copy is available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk, 795 Lake Shore Road (second floor), Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. The public may provide written and/or oral comments on the budget.

G.P.N.: 03/03/05

Robert Graziani,  
Township Clerk

## ULS

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half after drawing three fouls, scored nine points in the third period as ULS took a 48-38 lead into the final stanza.

Prep could get no closer than eight points early in the fourth quarter as the Knights put the district first-round game in the victory column.

Wright and freshman Nick Waller (13 rebounds, five assists and four blocked shots) led the Knights with 16 points apiece, while David-Headd had 15, and Snyder had 10.

Heaney finished with six points, while Langston had five. Scott scored one basket, while juniors Jeff Heaney and Christian Starling each got into the scoring column, hitting a free throw.

Last week, the Knights ended their regular season with a 62-58 home loss to Ann Arbor Greenhills and a 48-38 road loss to Warren Woods-Tower.

"We have struggled to find consistency for most of the season," Ristovski said. "My guys played hard every night, but the right mix of teamwork hasn't always been present for four quarters, and that is why we have struggled to win games. We're in every game, but we make too many mistakes that put us in a hole we never get out of."

The Knights had a chance to win each game, and they led Woods-Tower 14-10 midway through the second quarter before falling behind 20-17 at the half.

"We were right there with a pretty steady Tower team," Ristovski said. "We had no energy in the third quarter, and that was the entire game right there."

ULS was outscored 18-3 in the third period, falling behind 38-20.

The Knights were able to cut the deficit to eight points with two minutes left, but it was too little, too late.

Wright led the Knights in scoring in each game.

The University Liggett School basketball team improved to 8-13 overall.

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## These home improvements may yield the highest returns

**Q.** My wife and I are thinking about selling. What home improvements yield the highest returns?

— Bill of Grosse Pointe.

**A.** Great question. So many times we Realtors sit down with potential sellers and we start to talk about the "comps," that is, what other homes have sold for, and eventually the conversation turns to "what should I do to get the house ready?" The question of which improvements make the most sense and yield the highest returns first depends on a couple of factors.

The first question is one of equity — how long have you lived in this home; what did you pay, and has it gone up? Obviously, if you have lived in the home under three to five years, in this market, values may not have appreciated significantly enough to justify major home renovations. Therefore, the first question on whether or not you should invest money in improving your home involves your equity position. As a general rule, the shorter length of time you are in a home, the less you should invest in it.

The second question is not fiscal but rather, and perhaps more importantly, one of lifestyle. Do you really want to live with three months of having your kitchen torn up just to net a couple of thousand dollars more? Remember, unless you are an investor who bought the home below market value, major renovations like a kitchen are done not to gain home value as much as to increase the quality of life of the homeowner.

If you make major improvements, you generally need to live in the home long enough to enjoy and derive some use — value out of those improvements. Consequently, before you invest in fixing your home up to sell, ask these questions: Has the home increased in value enough to justify this improvement? Do I want to live with the mess while it is being improved? And finally, is what I am fixing so critical that it would adversely affect the marketability and sale-ability of the home?

A third factor surfaces after you have considered the above questions: Do the majority of homes sim-



By Steve Aiuto

ilar to yours have these improvements? In other words, many bungalows in Harper Woods do not have new kitchens; so would spending \$10,000 improving a kitchen on a \$150,000 bungalow really increase its value that much?

Plus, whenever you invest in improvements, you never get 100 percent of the value of that investment. Here is a list of some popular improvements and their approximate rate of return: Kitchens, 83 percent; bath, 72 percent; adding an additional bath, 68 percent; windows, 63 percent; and family room addition, 56 percent.

Sit down with your real estate consultant and discuss the advantages or disadvantages of delaying your desire to move while you improve the home you are planning to leave. It seldom makes much sense to spend a significant amount of money on a home you are about to sell.

Consider the following top money-making improvements that require little investment.

- Spend a weekend and give those walls a good washing or painting.
- Create curb appeal — clean and paint the front of your home — and add some simple landscaping.
- Reduce clutter in the home — make the house look bigger.
- Give your home a professional cleaning from corner to corner.

Believe it or not, these simple tasks can increase your chances of selling the home as much as more expensive and time-consuming repairs and improvements.

At the end of the day, if you really plan to move, paint kitchen cabinets before you replace them and

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### 126 STEPHENS GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Beautiful center entrance Colonial east of Kercheval. Updated kitchen, granite counter tops and built in appliances. Open floor plan with hardwood floors. Family Room with natural fireplace and wet bar. Living Room with natural fireplace, formal Dining Room and Library. Spacious bedrooms, master suite with walk-in closet, setting room and private bath with Jacuzzi tub and double sink. Patio overlooking private yard. Finished basement with recreation room and natural fireplace. \$1,030,000

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**349 MT. VERNON**

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**109 MEADOW LANE**

FAVORITE LOCATION! This is one of the best kept secrets in town! A wonderful three bedroom, one and one half bath colonial with a great floorplan, pretty living room with built-ins, natural fireplace and door to the covered private terrace, updated kitchen with eating area, finished lower level, master bedroom with fireplace and two car garage. One of the smallest houses on the block!! \$ 329,900.

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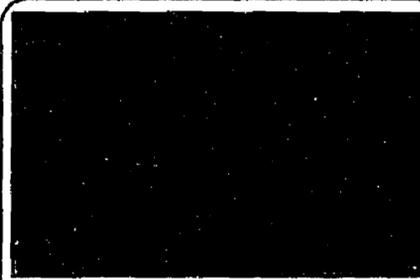
**979 BRIARCLIFF**

BETTER THAN NEW! This handsome home has a pleasing interior design that takes advantage of its spacious midst. The two story entrance hall with beautiful curved staircase provides a great first impression. There is a brand new kitchen with island center, eating area, cherry cabinets and hardwood floors. There is a first floor laundry and two first floor half baths. Upstairs, you'll find four bedrooms and two full baths. A completely finished basement adds to the charm.



**1150 BEDFORD**

STUNNING ENGLISH - This handsome residence has been lovingly maintained and warmly decorated. There is a special newer kitchen with island, cherry cabinets, eating area and butler's pantry with refrigerator. The screened terrace, spacious den and recreation room offer additional areas in which to relax. The versatile floor plan provides a master bedroom with sitting room or 5th bedroom and private bath. There is a completely finished lower level and a garden of delights outside. \$ 535,000.



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**487 RIVARD**

A PART OF HISTORY is exhibited in this custom built home on a double lot. The exceptional entrance hall with two story rounded window wall and dramatic staircase set the tone. There is also a generous master suite with large private bath and library with fireplace. The four additional bedrooms and two baths on the second floor, first floor laundry room, third floor with bedroom, play room, bath and storage await your inspection. \$ 675,000.

## GROSSE POINTE PROPERTIES FROM \$1,000,000...



**89 LAKESHORE**

PRIVATE LAKEFRONT PARCEL is included with the purchase of this stately five bedroom, five and one half bath home in the Farms. Conveniently located near the Hill, schools and downtown, there have been substantial improvements on both the interior and exterior. The impressive floating staircase and expensive marble floored entrance hall give a memorable first impression. Updated kitchen, heated garden room with fireplace, family room and first floor master bedroom. A remarkable home.



**1010 LAKESHORE**

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**960 N. OXFORD • \$459,000**

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**1420 HARVARD • \$319,900**



Move right into this must see Tudor close to Village and Elementary school. This wonderful home has great curb appeal and tasteful décor. Great architectural details include an open staircase with Palladian window, French doors, bay window and vaulted ceiling in the family room. The room sizes are generous and there's eating space in the kitchen. New roof 2005. Central Air. Don't miss this great opportunity!

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**1313 BUCKINGHAM • \$399,000**

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— Steve in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Insufficient makeup air in a home increases drafts around doors and windows creating a less comfortable residence. In extreme circumstances negative air in a home can draw air down the chimney, bringing carbon monoxide with it.

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**Ask Mr. Hardware**

By Blair Gilbert  
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In addition to principal and interest payments, it's important to take the taxes and insurance of the property into consideration when making a purchase. Depending on the borrower, these taxes may or may not be included in the monthly payment.

Financially savvy borrowers can earn a few extra dollars in interest and save money on taxes by paying their taxes and insurance at their will. But forgetful consumers who

can't budget wisely should leave this work to their lenders.

Escrow accounts are beneficial for both parties. They help lenders avoid problems that can arise if taxes and insurance go unpaid. The only lien that takes a higher priority than a first mortgage is a tax lien. Escrow accounts provide benefits for borrowers because they work like automatic, forced savings plans. By paying a smaller portion of their taxes and insurance every month,

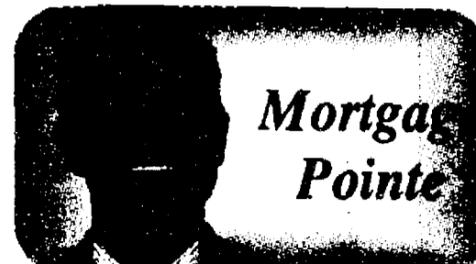
homeowners can avoid having big bills come due at a time when cash is short. Simplicity plays a role as well. Customers with escrow accounts don't have to worry about tracking tax and insurance bills because their lenders do it for them.

Escrow accounts offer customers the chance to save money incrementally for big bills that are associated with home ownership. Mortgage lenders maintain these accounts on behalf of borrowers, who make payments into them each month along with their regular principal and interest payments. Lenders accrue the money from those payments on deposit, and then disburse it to local governments and insurance companies when those entities require payment. These escrow funds are disbursed by the lender until the loan is paid off or refinanced.

With a refinance, the original lender closes the escrow account and either reduces the amount he or she receives at closing by the balance in the account, or refunds the balance to the borrower via a check. Either way, the lender will provide a short-year analysis of activity in the account up to the point it is closed out.

Escrow accounts can be a great tool for people to be able to effectively budget. Bills that they're obligated to pay are predetermined and automatically taken care of by their lender. However, going into a loan, it's difficult to know exactly how much escrow payments for taxes and insurance will ultimately increase the overall monthly bill for principal, interest, taxes and insurance.

As the bills for taxes and insurance change, so will the escrow payments. Most lenders run an escrow



By Nathan M. Steiner  
Flagstar Bank

analysis each year to see whether the amount a borrower contributed over the course of the past 12 months was enough to cover all the tax and insurance bills due that period. Lenders typically require that an extra month or two of payments be maintained in the account as a reserve. But because tax assessments change, and premium adjustments can happen any time over the course of 12 months, and because escrow payments remain constant for a year at a time no matter what, lenders sometimes have to cover shortfalls out of their own pocket. They recoup these shortfalls the following year by boosting the borrower's monthly taxes and insurance deposit.

Despite the benefits of building an escrow account, some borrowers prefer to make their taxes and insurance payments on their own. By telling their lenders before closing that they don't want to establish escrow accounts, borrowers can take charge of their finances themselves. This allows them to earn discounts — such as those offered by tax authorities to people who pay early — that may not be available with escrow accounts. By strategically

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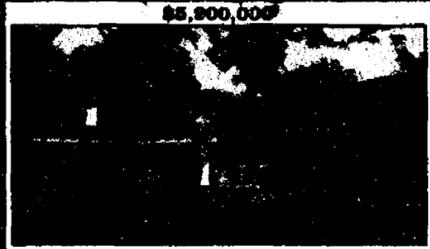
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The workshop topics include:

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  - March 23: Home Maintenance and Repair
- Workshops are held at the Kramer Center, 8850 10 Mile Road in Center Line. For more information, call 313.487.1234. Registration is free.

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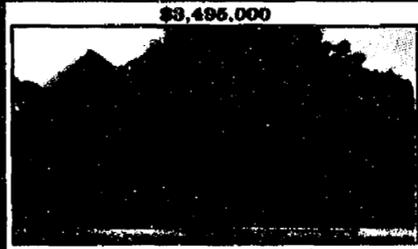
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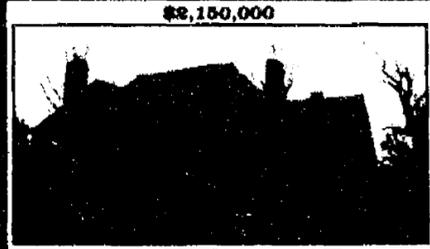
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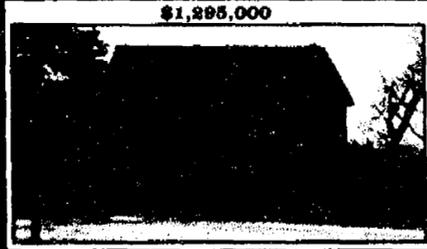
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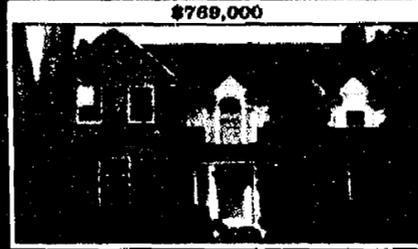
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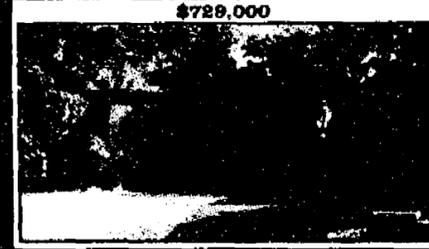
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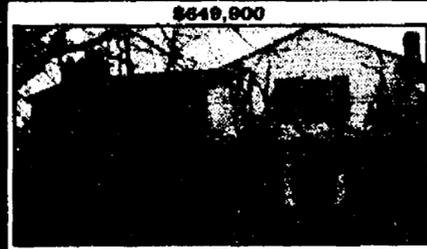
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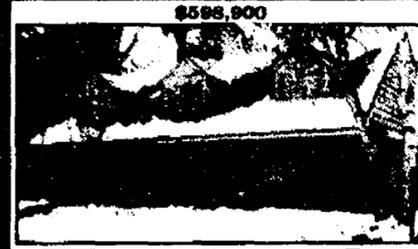
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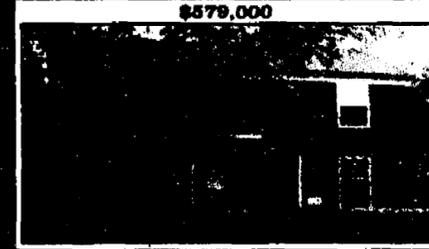
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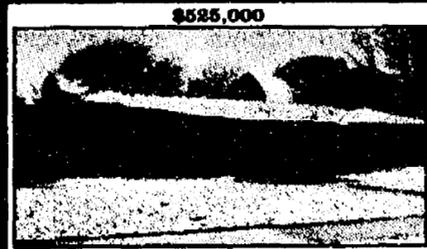
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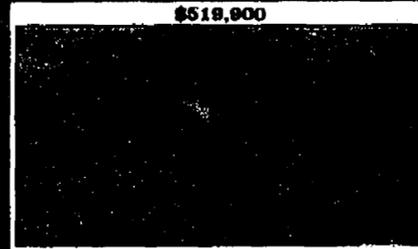
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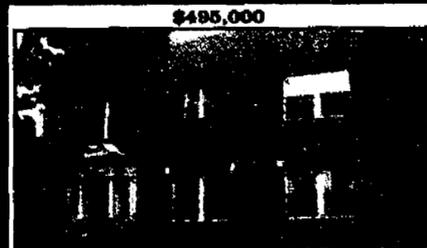
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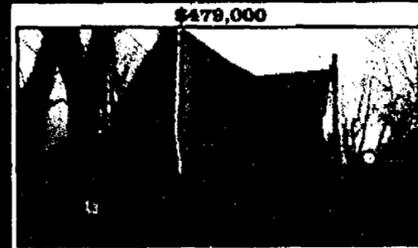
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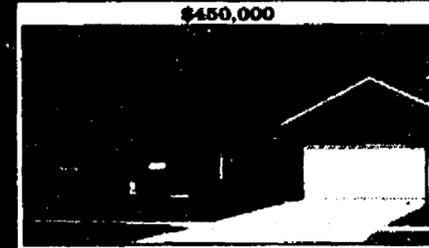
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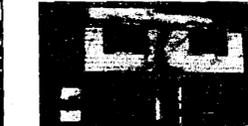
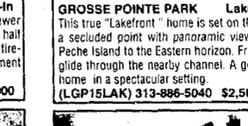
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 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE FARMS</b> <i>Exquisite</i> Gorgeous Georgian, prestigious locale, seven bedrooms, five full and one half baths. Three fireplaces, updated kitchen, butler's pantry, finished basement with rec room, tavern room with wet bar. Newer furnaces, roof, refinished hardwood floors. (LGP71LEW) 313-886-5040 \$900,000</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE WOODS</b> <i>Great Home</i> Neat and clean with many never features in popular Woods area. Natural fireplace in living room, formal dining room, beautiful hardwood floors, Mutschler kitchen, master bedroom with bath and sitting room. Basement. (LGP39HAM) 313-886-5040 \$224,900</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE SHORES</b> <i>Elegant</i> For the buyer who expects excellence and desires a ready to move into home, this spacious ranch offers a master suite with richly appointed bath (granite and marble throughout). Contemporary layout with lots to delight. (LGP35EDG) 313-886-5040 \$515,000</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE PARK</b> <i>Attractive</i> Traditional carriage style Colonial with amazing appeal. Leaded glass French doors, hardwood floors. Newer custom kitchen opens to recent family room addition with vaulted ceiling. Close to Village, shopping and schools. (LGP47GRA) 313-886-5040 \$324,900</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE PARK</b> <i>Tudor</i> Gorgeous four bedroom near schools. Newer full bath, Corian in kitchen, appliances, boiler and central air. Unique second floor family room overlooks perennial yard. Walk-up attic expansion opportunity already plumbed. (LGP46BAL) 313-886-5040 \$450,000</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE WOODS</b> <i>Value</i> Two starter home. Newer kitchen, bathroom, new roof in 2000. Cute and cozy. Great area of Grosse Pointe Woods with all the amenities of schools, waterfront park, public services for a great price. Won't last. (LGP97ROS) 313-886-5040 \$129,900</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE WOODS</b> <i>A Winner</i> Very clean and neat brick Colonial. Four bedrooms, two full baths on second floor. Family room overlooking deck. Large kitchen with four newer appliances. Many updates throughout. Quick possession. Home Warranty. A rare opportunity. (LSC42HOL) 586-778-8100 \$299,700</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE PARK</b> <i>Pretty</i> Lovely three bedroom bungalow perfectly located in the Park. Great updates including roof, furnace, central air, and newer windows. Full bath in basement, charming master bedroom has loft like feel and tons of storage. (LGP11BEA) 313-886-5040 \$172,500</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE WOODS</b> <i>Move-In</i> Three bedroom updated Colonial. Newer kitchen, windows, concrete, two and one half car garage. Deep lot, beautiful family room, fireplace, finished recreation room in basement with wet bar and half bath. (LGP59HAM) 313-886-5040 \$210,000</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE PARK</b> <i>Lakefront</i> This true "Lakefront" home is set on the tip of a secluded point with panoramic views from Peche Island to the Eastern horizon. Freighters glide through the nearby channel. A gorgeous home in a spectacular setting. (LGP15LAK) 313-886-5040 \$2,500,000</p>
 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE WOODS</b> <i>Updated</i> Three bedrooms, two and one-half baths. 2004 updates, waterproofed and finished basement with drywall, drop ceiling, recessed lights and carpet. Added hardwood floor in kitchen, refinished all floors and painted. (LGP79STA) 313-886-5040 \$192,500</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE PARK</b> <i>Opportunity</i> Two family income with finished basement living area. Newer vinyl siding and two car garage. Upper unit has finished third story attic. Separate furnaces and utilities. Close to schools, churches and waterfront parks. (LGP38WAY) 313-886-5040 \$189,900</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE PARK</b> <i>Ready For You</i> Charming three bedroom, one and one half bath, two car detached garage, formal dining room, fireplace, Florida room, hardwood floors, partially finished basement. All appliances stay. Great location. Home warranty. (LGP59NOT) 313-886-5040 \$249,900</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE FARMS</b> <i>Enjoy</i> Rich and airy Cape Cod on generous lot. Vaulted great room, master suite, two updated full baths, two fireplaces. Several upgrades. Near elementary and middle schools. Designed for your comfort and pleasure! (LGP57BEL) 313-886-5040 \$279,000</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE PARK</b> <i>Welcome</i> Terrific attention to details! Five bedrooms, two and one half baths. Newer kitchen with Jenn-Air appliances, bar sink, Corian counters and room for everyone! Tear off roof 04' newer boiler, newer baths and copper plumbing! (LGP27LAK) 313-886-5040 \$410,000</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE</b> <i>Spacious</i> Spacious three bedrooms, two and one half baths, two car garage, two fireplaces, finished basement, library, Florida room, rear deck, air conditioning, fenced yard, corner lot, occupancy at closing. Home Warranty. (LGP66CAD) 313-886-5040 \$289,900</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE</b> <i>Magnificent</i> This English Tudor offers three floors of grace and elegance with a carriage house. Two story foyer leading to sunken garden. This home has been restored with ceramic tile and marble throughout. It will not disappoint you! (LGP94LAK) 313-886-5040 \$1,950,000</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE WOODS</b> <i>Simplify</i> Spacious ranch, quiet location. Nice layout with den open to kitchen. Features include fireplace, newer kitchen flooring, furnace and air. Enjoyable yet manageable yard with deck make this home simple to enjoy. (LGP09OXF) 313-886-5040 \$169,900</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE WOODS</b> <i>Lovely</i> Delightful brick Colonial with outstanding detail and decor. Living room with bookcases which surround a natural fireplace. Huge sharply updated kitchen with lots of cabinets and counter space, opens to bright family area. (LGP70HAW) 313-886-5040 \$250,000</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE CITY</b> <i>Brick Tudor</i> Three bedroom, two full bath brick bungalow. Spacious kitchen with dining area, hardwood floors. Master bedroom has stall shower and double sinks. Recreation room with half bath. Appliances included. Home warranty. (LGP71UNI) 313-886-5040 \$264,000</p>
 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE</b> <i>Spacious</i> Nice floor plan on this five bedroom Colonial situated steps from the lake. Open concept kitchen/family room. Master suite with cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet and marble bathroom with spa tub. Library/den and finished basement. (LGP17WEL) 313-886-5040 \$629,900</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE WOODS</b> <i>Charming</i> Many recent updates including most windows, roof, furnace, central air, refinished floors. Newer oak kitchen, full bath in finished basement, natural fireplace. Newer two car garage, driveway and deck. Appliances stay. (LGP09HOL) 313-886-5040 \$169,500</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE FARMS</b> <i>Exceptional</i> Three bedroom Colonial. Gorgeous custom kitchen opens to dining area and family room with natural fireplace. Wonderfully maintained home in great neighborhood in popular Montclair school district. A must see! (LGP81ALL) 313-886-5040 \$295,000</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE WOODS</b> <i>Outstanding</i> Beautiful three bedroom, two full bath. Family room with gas fireplace done in 2003. Newer windows, brick paver patio, large kitchen with dining space, large master bedroom with full bath and sitting area. A must buy. (LGP27HAW) 313-886-5040 \$299,900</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE WOODS</b> <i>Spacious</i> Two bedroom ranch in prime Woods location. Priced to sell! Updates include newer roof, furnace, windows, central air. Eating space in kitchen, lavatory in basement, nicely landscaped. Home warranty, immediate occupancy. (LGP30LAN) 313-886-5040 \$159,900</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE</b> <i>Spectacular</i> Beautifully mastered Tuscan style kitchen/patio dining room. Silstone counters, fireplace, plenty of seating at the table or family room area. Beauty continues throughout with elegantly appointed and generously sized rooms! (LGP09RIV) 313-886-5040 \$515,000</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE FARMS</b> <i>Exceptional</i> Five bedrooms, three plus car garage, two and one-half baths, fireplace, spa in outdoors four seasons room, Pella windows, newer kitchen with Pewabic tile, all appliances stay, newer furnace and air, all the amenities. (LGP30ROL) 313-886-5040 \$379,900</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE WOODS</b> <i>At Least</i> Style and character complete this totally renovated three bedroom bungalow. Open floor plan, eat-in kitchen, two fireplaces, master bedroom with full bath. Move right in... this won't last. Home warranty included. (LGP59ANI) 313-886-5040 \$204,900</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE FARMS</b> <i>Stunning</i> Brick three bedroom Colonial, one and one-half baths, one and one-half car garage. Spacious living room with gas fireplace, family room with French glass doors, central air, hardwood floors and Home Warranty. (LGP67TOU) 313-886-5040 \$244,900</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE WOODS</b> <i>Two Family</i> Great locale! Brick two family income. Many updates, also includes hardwood floors, beautiful gas fireplace, formal dining room. Finished basement for extra living space. Separate furnaces and utilities makes smart buy. (LGP61VER) 313-886-5040 \$255,000</p>
 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE FARMS</b> <i>Charming</i> Step back in time and enjoy all of the pleasure and none of the pain! Thoughtful and well executed updates bring this delightful home into the modern age without sacrificing an ounce of charm. Four bedrooms, one and one-half baths. (LGP97KER) 313-886-5040 \$278,000</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS</b> <i>Inmaculate</i> This three bedroom brick ranch is spotless. Newer kitchen, newer roof and newer windows. Refinished hardwood floors, central air conditioning, two car garage. Seller will help buyer with closing costs. Home warranty. (LGP12BEA) 313-886-5040 \$146,900</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS</b> <i>Sharp</i> Updated, clean contemporary three bedroom. Newer bright kitchen, all appliances, tile floor, tear-off roofs, vinyl windows, furnace, central air and more. Multi-skylight bedroom, walk-in closet. Nice open backyard. (LGP51COU) 313-886-5040 \$155,000</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS</b> <i>Quiet</i> Beautiful three with a possible fourth bedroom bungalow. One and one half baths, extra wide front porch, finished basement, two car garage, central air. Adjacent lot is a buildable lot and may be purchased at an additional price. (LGP40RID) 313-886-5040 \$129,000</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS</b> <i>Attention</i> Attractive Harper Woods ranch. Hardwood floors, formal dining room. One and one half baths. Doorway leads to roofed patio with lights. Central air, alarm system, newer windows. Attached two car garage. Home warranty. (LGP97FLE) 313-886-5040 \$169,900</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS</b> <i>Beautiful</i> Freshly painted, three bedroom, brick bungalow. Natural fireplace and clear pine trimming throughout. Hardwood floors, central air, newer roof with skylights and newer screen doors. Two car garage. Appliances stay. (LGP22FLE) 313-886-5040 \$157,500</p>	 <p><b>GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS</b> <i>Nice</i> Nice three bedroom ranch at a good price! Finished basement with full bath and two extra rooms. Newer roof, electrical, copper plumbing, large two car garage, basement waterproofed from the outside, home warranty. (LGP28HUN) 313-886-5040 \$150,000</p>	 <p><b>CHESTERFIELD TWP.</b> <i>Waterfront</i> Meticulously maintained custom brick ranch. Updated kitchen, fireplace, hardwood floors, newer windows. Open floor plan, neutral decor. Copper plumbing. Heated garage. Appliances. Florida room. Steel seawall with slip. (LGP00EDD) 313-886-5040 \$329,000</p>	 <p><b>ROCHESTER HILLS</b> <i>Sharp</i> Attractive three bedroom, two full bath ranch on large lot. Central air, Andersen windows and neutral decor throughout. Kitchen has snack bar and skylight. Beautiful wood deck and attached two and one-half car garage. Must see. (LGP84GRA) 313-886-5040 \$239,000</p>	 <p><b>CLINTON TOWNSHIP</b> <i>Exceptional</i> Thoughtfully designed for the ultimate in comfort and convenience. This custom built split level offers stunning golf course views, a luxurious first floor master suite, amazing kitchen, and too many amenities to list. (LGP80DAN) 313-886-5040 \$625,000</p>


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## Mortgage

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saving money that they would otherwise have to send to their escrow accounts, consumers have extra funds available to save or invest.

It will be important to monitor escrow accounts over the next couple of years since Michigan taxes are changing from two payments — one in the winter and one in the summer — to one payment in the summer. Starting July 2005, Michigan taxes will begin being converted as follows: July 2005, one-third of winter

taxes will be added to your summer taxes; July 2006, two-thirds of winter taxes will be added to your summer taxes; and July 2007, the full winter taxes will be paid with the summer taxes, thus concluding the transition.

Be sure to consult your lender and mortgage banker with any questions you may have about escrow accounts and how they apply to you as a borrower.

*Nathan M. Steiner is a loan officer of Flagstar Bank and a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe Farms. You may contact him at (888) 881-4457 or (313) 570-3121.*

## Real Estate

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reglaze and paint old wood windows and make them look new before you replace them. Keep your investments simple and modest, and you will tend to do better in gaining value out of your home.

Make sure that the improvements you do make represent the aesthetics of mainstream America, or you will lose money rather than benefit. The further a seller strays

from the center of what is a popular sense of aesthetic, the longer it will take to sell the home and for often less money.

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# Big \$ for war memorabilia

By Anita Gold

**Q.** I have a Japanese flag from the battleship Nagato. The flag is the stern flag. I am a veteran of World War II, and I took the flag in December of 1945 or in January 1946. The Nagato was being prepared for the Bikini Atoll bomb test. It is in great shape. Do you know of any collector of such war memorabilia who'd be interested in buying it?

— M. K., Highland Park, IL.

**A.** To sell such a flag or any other World War I and II items, as well as memorabilia from any other wars, write Larry and Randy Donley c/o Donley's Wild West Town & Museum, 8512 S. Union Road, Union, IL 60180-9661. Enclose a photo of the flag or any other war items you have, and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for an accurate appraisal or offer. Or phone the Donleys at (815) 923-9000, or e-mail at mdonley@dis.net

**Q.** I adore Popeye and wonder if there was ever a Popeye collectors club for Popeye lovers?

— Laura Carlson, Indianapolis.

**A.** If you're among those who love Popeye and his pals, you can join the Official Popeye Fan Club and receive its Popeye Fan Club Newsletter by writing the club at 1001 State St., Chester, IL 62233. Enclose a long

self-addressed stamped envelope for membership details. Phone (618) 826-4567. E-mail: spinach@midwest.net. Visit the Web site popeyethesailor.com.

Popeye Museum (also located at 1001 State St. in Chester, IL) has hundreds of Popeye related collectibles dating from the 1930s to 1990s on display and also buys, sells, and appraises Popeye items.

**Q.** I'm told soft drink cans are collectible. If so, where can I find information on such can collecting?

— Sara Jones, York, PA.

**A.** Write the National Pop Can Collectors c/o Rich Simmons, (Dir), 19201 Sherwood Green Way, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. Phone (301) 869-4899.

**Q.** Where can I find information on various types of old guns, and how can I find out what they're worth?

— P. T., Green Valley, AZ.

**A.** A new book, "2005 Standard Catalog of Firearms" by Ned Schwing, is available at local bookstores.

Write Anita Gold, P.O. Box 597401, Chicago, IL 60659. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with a copy of this column and the name of the paper in which it appears for a reply.

## Home Ownership class offered

MSU Extension's (MSUE) is offering a free, two-part class "Home Ownership" on Saturdays, March 5 and 12, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Calvary Community Center, 8129 Packard in Warren. The seminar

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### 1889 STANHOPE GROSSE POINTE WOODS



Center entrance Colonial that is impeccable, large second floor family room with wet bar, new kitchen with eating space, formal dining room with bay-window, living room with built in bookshelves and natural fireplace, two tiered deck in yard, two car attached garage. New furnace with central air. Priced at \$330,000.

### 1796 ANITA GROSSE POINTE WOODS



Three bedroom brick bungalow, large second floor bedroom with tons of storage and built-ins, natural fireplace in living room, formal dining room. Immediate occupancy. Priced at \$169,000.

### 20416 DAMAN HARPER WOODS



Wonderful location with lots of charm on this three bedroom ranch style home. Natural fireplace, large fenced in yard, hardwood floors throughout, updated bathroom, two car garage on a deep lot and wide street. Priced at \$142,000.

### 21609 BOURNEMOUTH HARPER WOODS



Three bedroom brick bungalow, East of Harper, dining room with eating space, new windows, new roof, hardwood floors under carpeted areas, finished basement with full bath. Immediate occupancy. Priced at \$134,900.



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**Top myths of tree care**

(MS) — The following are myths of tree care, according to the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA):

**Myth:** When a tree is planted, it should be securely staked to ensure the development of a stable root system and a strong trunk.

Actually, unstaked trees tend to develop a more extensive root system and a better trunk taper than staked ones. A small amount of movement can help root and trunk development. Staking wires or ties can also cause trunk damage. It's important for staking materials to be removed after one year to avoid "girdling" the tree.

**Myth:** Newly planted trees should have their trunks wrapped with tree wrap to prevent sun scald and insect entry.

Studies have shown that tree wraps do not prevent extreme fluctuations in temperature on the bark. In some cases, the temperature extremes are worse. Also, tree wraps have proven quite ineffective in preventing insect entry.

**Myth:** Trees should be pruned heavily when they are planted to compensate for the loss of roots.

Although pruning can reduce the amount of water that evaporates from the leaves, the tree needs a full crown to produce the much-needed food and plant hormones that induce root growth. The tree will develop a stronger, more extensive root system if it has a fuller crown. At the time of planting, limit pruning to structural training and the removal of damaged branches.

**Myth:** When removing a branch from a tree, the final cut should be flush with the stem to optimize healing.

Flush cutting removes the "branch collar," creating a larger wound and decay inside the tree than if the branch were removed outside the collar.

**Myth:** Certain fast-growing, weak-wooded trees, such as silver maple and Siberian elm, should be "topped" to make them less hazardous in the landscape.

Topping stimulates growth of twigs below the cuts. Growth of many vigorous shoots leads to branches with weak attachments. Also, decay spreads inside the stubs and branches that were topped. Within two to five years after topping, the tree will regain its height, but will be more hazardous.

**Myth:** If certain species of trees are pruned early in the spring, they will "bleed," stressing the tree and causing health problems.

Some trees, such as maples and birches, bleed or lose sap from pruning cuts made early in the spring. This bleeding does not hurt the tree, and the loss of sap is inconsequential. With a few exceptions, most routine pruning can be done any time of year.

**Myth:** Trees require "deep root fertilization" to reach their root system. In most U.S. soils, the majority of trees' fibrous, absorbing roots are in the top 8 inches of soil. When we place fertilizer 12 inches to 18 inches into the soil, we are putting it too deep.

If you are unsure of proper tree care, consult an arborist — a professional in the care of trees. When choosing an arborist, look for ISA Certification, membership in professional associations, and ask for proof of insurance.

**Too Much Togetherness? Stop Looking... Start Living**

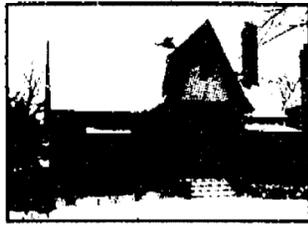
When that feeling of togetherness gets a bit too much too bear - consider all the things you could do. Relocate, but with today's limited mortgage funds, high financing costs, and pop-up property taxes, you will be dollars ahead improving your present home by adding a playroom for the kids, or a den for yourself, or maybe an extra bedroom, bathroom or porch enclosure.

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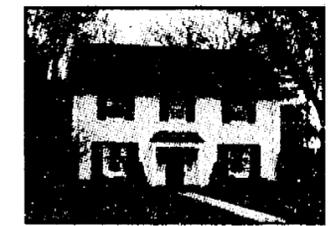
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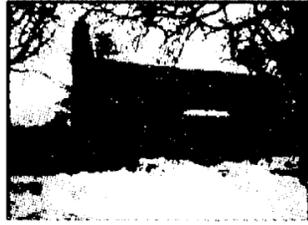
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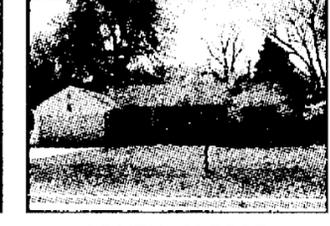
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19653 Kingsville		2-5pm	By Owner	313-526-9117
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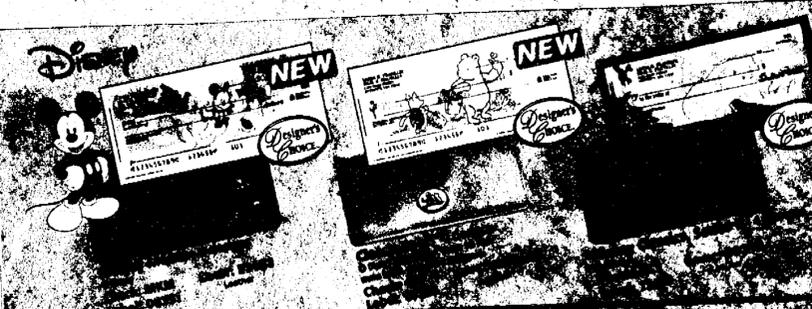
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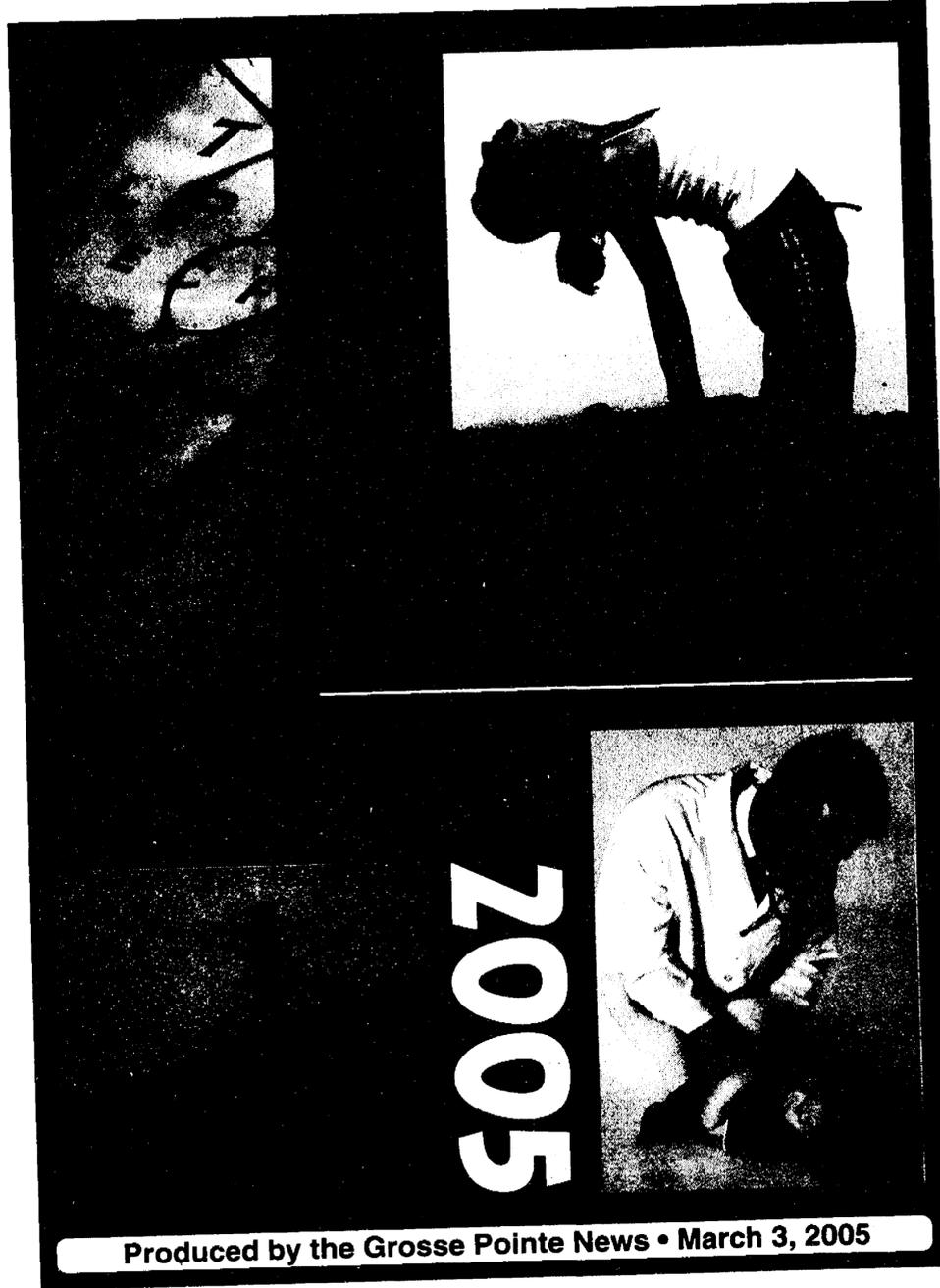
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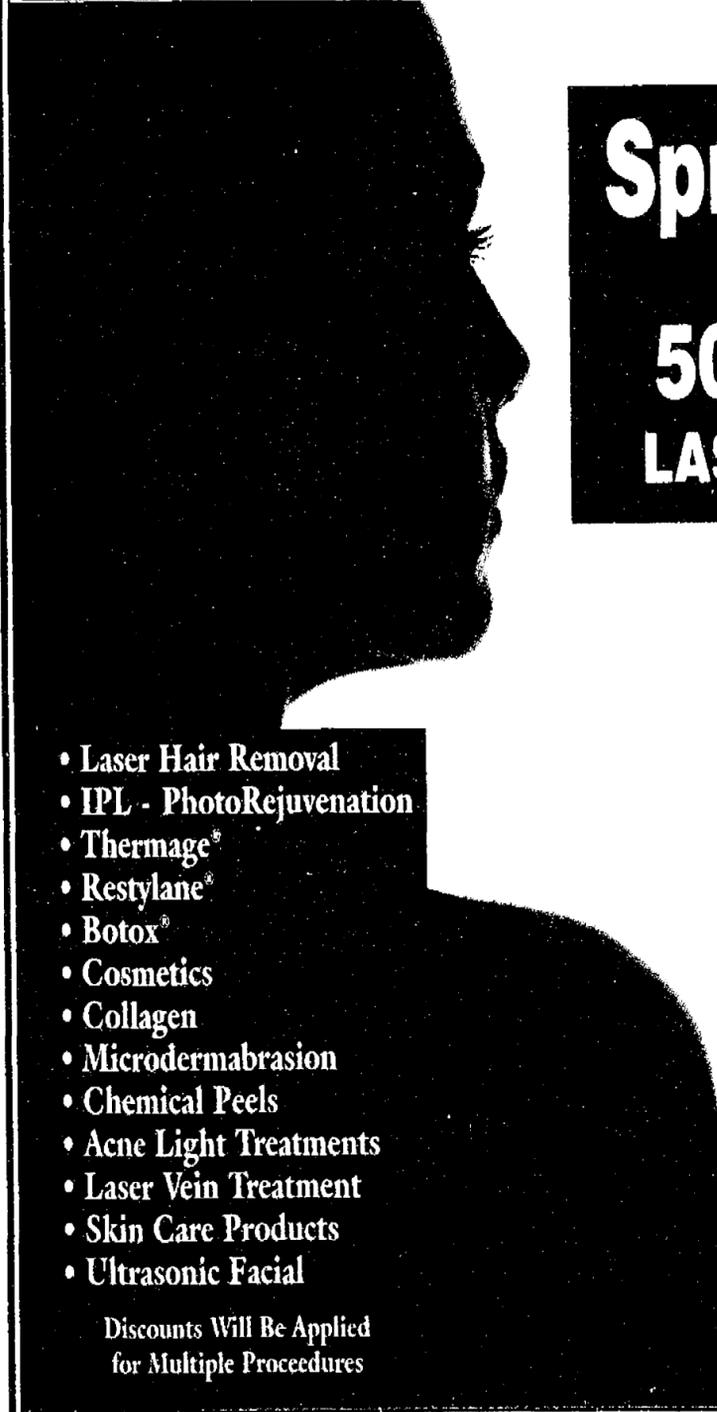
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The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 10 to 20 percent of Americans come down with the flu during each flu season. Although most people recover from the illness, the CDC estimates that in the United States more than 100,000 people are hospitalized and an estimated 36,000 people die from the flu and its complications every year.

During the winter, family members, friends and co-workers become self-appointed doctors as they "diagnose" colds, flu and other ailments in their loved ones. However, seeking a diagnosis from anyone other than a physician is never a good idea.

Often, people become confused about whether they need to treat the sniffles, cough and aches with rest and fluids or with an antibiotic. Physicians report that often patients schedule appointments to request an antibiotic even though an antibiotic might not be appropriate.

Two main types of germs cause infections — viruses and bacteria. The flu is caused by a virus, while other conditions commonly mistaken for the flu-like sinusitis and bronchitis may be caused by bacteria or viruses. The flu cannot be treated with antibiotics, but if your physician diagnoses you with a bacterial infection, she or he may prescribe antibiotics.

Antibiotics are beneficial when used appropriately. Following are tips to maximize the benefits of appropriate antibiotic use:

- Do not take an antibiotic for a viral infection like a cold or the flu.
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## Feet feel good —

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## The secrets of weight management

By Joan Thornton,  
Fitness Coach

You can prevent the muscle loss and fat gain that starts happening in your 30s. Walking or jogging can help stave off fat gain.

"We don't know how to extend life, but we do know what it takes to live a high quality life," says Kent Adams, Ph.D., and exercise physiologist at the University of Louisville who has reviewed more than 80 studies on weight management, exercise and aging. When you watch a mature woman scuffle down the street or accept help carrying groceries you probably think you've witnessed a normal part of aging. Sure, that day may be decades away for you, but we're all destined to slow down eventually, right? Not necessarily. The loss of stamina, bone density, balance and flexibility is actually due to inactivity and obesity.

The first step toward successful weight reduction is to set your own ground rules for weight loss and maintenance. Design your own eating plan, based on low-fat, high-fiber eating. Include foods you enjoy and know you will eat. An active lifestyle is essential to increase metabolism and keep pounds off.

Keeping food and exercise logs, help to boost awareness and make progress successful. Surround yourself with individuals, groups, places, events that motivate and reinforce good habits. Never think of yourself as "dieting" but do focus on healthy eating. This means no white sugar or white flour. Try to stick with fresh fruits (yes you can have sugar carbohydrates that are natural) but don't overdue it. Do what your mother told you "eat all your vegetables" but use herbs to flavor not margarine that has trans-fats or partially hydrogenated fats.

Don't drastically reduce your caloric intake. If your body senses that food is in short supply it will slow your metabolism to conserve energy. The goal should be: To know how many calories to consume and how to con-

tinue to lose weight.

It takes 3,500 calories to produce 1 pound of body weight. To lose 1 pound weekly, omit 500 calories daily. To lose 1 pound weekly omit 250 calories daily. However, if you reduce your calorie intake and increase your walking, you will achieve maximum results. Successful weight loss includes a change in day-to-day habits regarding eating, exercise, moods, physical activity and the way you think about food. To lose weight you must decrease your caloric intake and increase physical activity for positive weight management.

There is some evidence to suggest that eating small, regular meals will keep your metabolic rate up but, again it is important to manage your total caloric intake every day. This not to suggest skipping breakfast, many dieters start their day with a cup of coffee. It may take some time to train mentally on the importance of eating breakfast every day.

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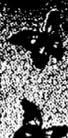
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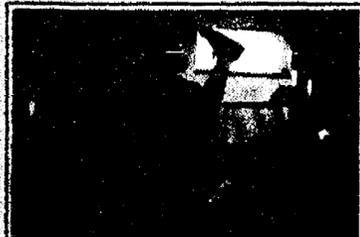
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# OH MY ACHING BACK!

Low back pain is one of the most frequent problems treated by physical therapists. Four out of five adults will experience significant low back pain sometime during their lifetime. After the common cold, problems caused by the lower back are the most frequent cause of lost workdays in adults under the age of 45.

The most common site of back pain and injury is the lumbar region - the low back. Your lumbar spine bears the brunt of bending, stooping, sitting and worst of all, lifting. Low back pain usually results from degenerative changes to the lumbar discs. With aging, the resilient disc material dries out, shrinks and loses some of its "spring". Under the stress of lifting, coughing or sitting improperly, the deteriorated disc can bulge or even rupture, spilling its spongy pulp into the surrounding space. This herniated disc can press on the adjacent nerve root, causing pain, numbness or tingling, and muscle spasms. Loss of disc thickness can also cause arthritic changes of the facet joints, narrowing the space between the vertebrae leading to abnormal pressure on the nerve.

But there's good news too. Most bad backs respond well to rest and conservative treatment. And most injuries can be prevented. Keep reading to find out how and why backs go bad, and how a physical therapist can help you put it right again.



The "dead bug" is an advanced lumbar stabilization exercise, utilizing alternating arm and opposite leg flexion.

## AVOIDING BACK INJURY

Everyone is vulnerable to back injury, but certain occupations present added risk. People who sit for long periods of time at a desk put increased stress on their backs. People who have a long commute to and from work and those who spend long hours driving on the job can be at risk. Nurses and other caregivers are also prone to back injury. Bending over bedsides, lifting, and moving patients all put excessive strain on the spine.

Everyday activities, such as gardening, doing the laundry, or mopping the floor can lead to back pain. Expectant mothers find their backs stressed in new ways. Parents, grandparents, and child care workers who lift babies and toddlers in and out of the cribs and car seats may experience back strain. We can't avoid every stressful activity. The key to avoiding back injury lies in minimizing the risk inherent in any activity by applying these simple principles.

**Work on your posture.** Don't slouch. Maintain the natural "arch" in your lower back whether standing or sitting.

**Lift with your legs.** Keeping the object close to your body, bend your knees and keep your back straight. Most importantly, don't twist as you lift!

**Sit with care.** Prolonged sitting in one position is a back hazard you might not suspect. Lumbar support and periodic breaks to move around are essential.



A Pilates exercise, the side plank is used in this picture to strengthen the left abdominal obliques, important for core stabilization.

**Control your weight.** Being overweight puts added stress on your lower back as well as hips, knees, and ankles.

## CONDITIONING YOUR BACK

The muscles of your back provide structure as well as mobility. They, along with your abdominal muscles, help to support your spine. That's why maintaining healthy trunk, or "core" muscles is so important in avoiding or recovering from injury. After injury, the first step in getting your back healthy is gentle exercise to improve flexibility. As you recover and pain subsides, your physical therapist may recommend mobilization and strengthening exercises.



Sitting on the physio ball encourages co-contraction of abdominals and back extensors. Throwing and catching a weighted ball while maintaining balance increases the challenge.

## TREATMENT FOR BAD BACKS

Conservative treatment is most often used for acute low back pain.

**Bed rest.** For 48 hours or until the acute period passes. Stay in bed—even for meals, if possible. If your bed sags in the middle, add a board under your mattress. Heat or ice may help ease muscle spasm and aid circulation.

**Pain medication** prescribed by your physician will help get you through the period of most severe pain.

## HOW PHYSICAL THERAPY CAN HELP YOUR BACK

**Evaluation** A thorough evaluation by a physical therapist is essential before any treatment is begun. Your therapist will take the

time to talk with you and to gather information about your history and symptoms, then proceed with various movement and strength tests to complete the evaluation.

**Treatment** Your physical therapist will develop a treatment plan suited to your individual problem, and begin working to restore flexibility and ease discomfort. An individualized treatment program is created based on the evaluation. It may include various heat or electric modalities to prepare you for exercise. Back care education is an important component for treatment and prevention of low back pain. The goal of physical therapy is to return you to full function as soon as possible.

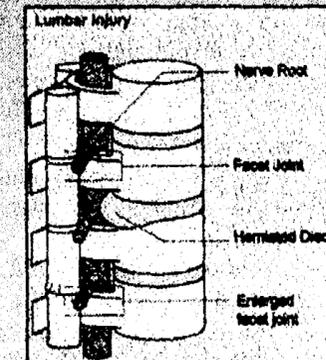
**Therapeutic massage** The body's response to low back injury is often severe muscle spasm. Massage is very helpful in decreasing muscle point tenderness and therefore decreasing pain.

**Ultrasound** is a form of deep heat that may be used prior to stretching or exercise. The ultrasound waves cause heating in the injured tissues, which helps with healing and pain control.



Lumbar stabilization can be done while performing the lunge exercise. Resistance can be provided to increase the challenge with the sport cord.

**Electric Stimulation** can be delivered to the low back area by a physical therapist in an effort to decrease pain and muscle spasm. It may be used in conjunction with cold packs.



**Traction** can be very helpful in taking pressure off the lumbar spine. In physical therapy, traction may be applied manually or mechanically on a specially designed table.

**Manual therapy.** The alignment of the lumbar spine may be affected by low back pain. Based on the evaluation, the physical therapist may use manual techniques to mobilize the spine and stretch specific muscles.

**Therapeutic exercise** is a very important component in the treatment of low back pain. An exercise program is created and progressed by a physical therapist with the goal of strengthening and stretching the appropriate muscles.

It is expected that a person will start to show signs of improvement within two weeks of beginning physical therapy. There are some cases where conservative treatment does not meet all the goals. In this case, a referral to an appropriate medical doctor is indicated. Physicians who specialize in the back may recommend the following treatments:

**Epidural injection** of anti-inflammatory or pain medication has been shown to be an effective treatment for many patients with low back symptoms.

**Surgery** should be considered only when conservative treatment to control severe, chronic pain or neurological symptoms fails. Treatment in physical therapy may also follow surgery to restore a patient to full function.

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## Walking is more than a workout

Walking is healthy. "The no sweat, no hassle walking program can help you make great strides in your efforts to keep your weight in check," says Marilyn Dally from Health magazine.

Maria B. from Michigan, had no idea how little or how much she moved during the day. She worked full time for an international sales and marketing company, had two school-age children and a husband. She was busy from early morning until late at night. She wasn't sedentary but she decided to take part in a progressive conditioning and walking program.

She clipped on the Caltrac accelerometer, this is a device that tracks each calorie burned, it also computes during sleep, rest, and light to hard activity. She discovered busy doesn't necessarily mean active. Maria began making small changes, like starting a family ritual of after dinner walks and doing activities she enjoyed but helped to boost her awareness of an active lifestyle.

Six month later she says she has more energy

and has lost an impressive 8 pounds. That outcome is exactly what the program, "America on the Move," was designed for, says James O. Hill, Ph.D., chairman of the "Partnership to Promote Healthy Eating and Active Living."

Walk a little lose a lot! Cardiovascular activities are, swimming, cycling, rowing, stair climbing, jogging, and the all-time favorite for everyone is walking. Walking is probably the safest exercise you can do to get in shape and prevent obesity. Take an action and make a selection that is enjoyable, that you will participate in on a regular basis. The key is to do the activity on a regular basis of three times a week for at least 20 to 30 minutes for beginners but 4 times a week should be the goal for everyone. Aerobic means (with oxygen) which is continuous non-resistive movement, in the form of an active conditioning.

"Move it or lose it," that old statement is as true today. The guidelines for how hard to exercise depends on the level of fitness when starting. In general, find a comfortable pace that allows you to break into a mild sweat and continue to work at a level in which you can breath and talk comfortably. Beginner should begin with five to 10 minute intervals and gradually build to a minimum of 20 minutes. Each training session should begin with a warm-up and conclude with static stretches to enhance flexibility and don't forget to set realistic goals.

Weight management for optimal health and well-being along with the components of a workout, stamina, strength and stretch is the answer to longevity. As researchers are learning, not just any workout program will keep you lean, lithe and vital into your later years.

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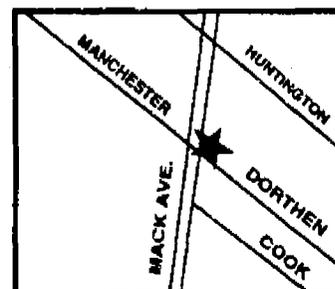
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By Dr. David Jantz

The majority of allergy patients know that what they ingest, inhale or contact can change their lives in minutes. If you find yourself in this group, you know the frustration and hopelessness your condition can produce.

Contact with an allergen can cause a reaction similar to that of a virus attacking your body. An amazing defense mechanism goes into action in both instances. The resulting symptoms in either case may be a cough, fever, vomiting, aches, fatigue, etc. Allergic reactions produce symptoms that can mimic other conditions: respiratory symptoms like bronchitis, pneu-



monia or asthma; circulatory problems such as chest pains, gastrointestinal troubles like bloating, ulcers, diarrhea, constipation; skin conditions like eczema, psoriasis, chemical sensitivity, depression and migraines. Just

about any condition can be the result of an allergy. It is important that they be identified and eliminated.

For many people, allergies are nothing more than a minor nuisance. For others, accidental contact with an allergen can be a terrifying, life-threatening situation.

What is an allergy? Conventional medicine

would probably say an allergy is an overreaction by the body's immune system. In Accelerated Allergy Clearing Technique (AACT) an allergy is seen from a holistic viewpoint. It is a condition of abnormal sensitivity of one person to one or more substances which are usually harmless to the majority of people. It has been discovered in AACT that when an allergy enters or contacts the body, there is a clash between the electromagnetic energy field of the body and the electromagnetic energy field of the allergen. When the brain detects an allergen in its field, an immune response is generated.

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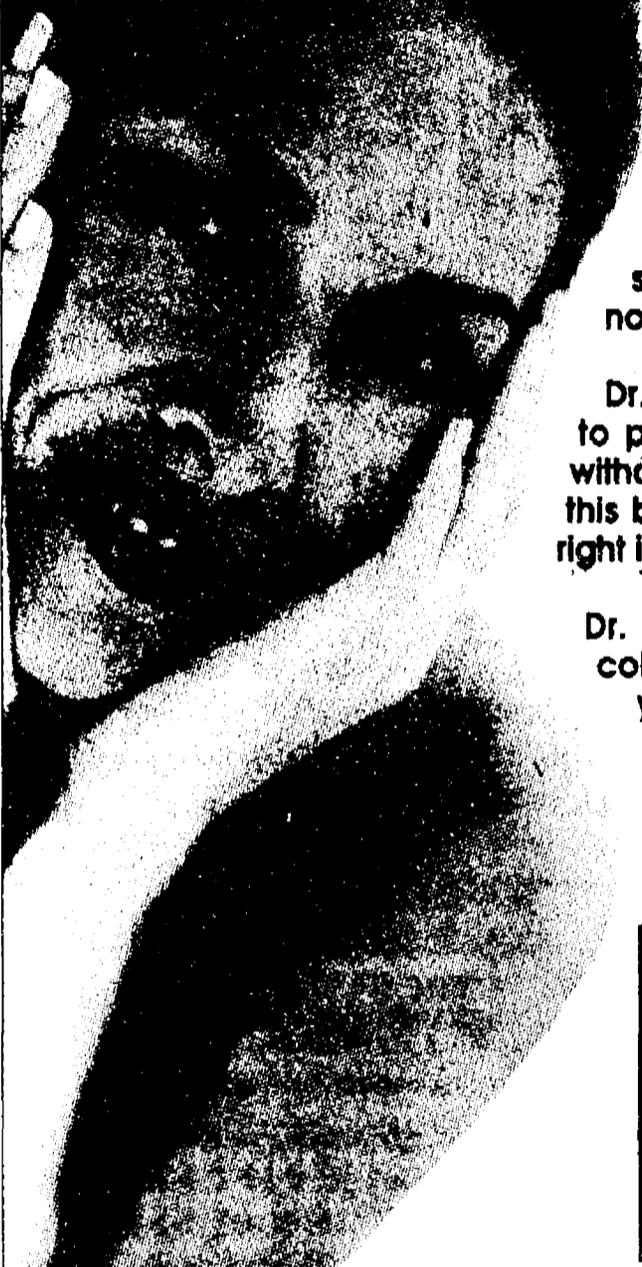
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## Six steps to a healthier heart

If an apple a day keeps the doctor away, what does it take to avoid a heart surgeon? Knowing the answer could help you and your family avoid coronary heart disease-America's No. 1 killer.

Dr. Mehmet C. Oz, vice chairman of surgery at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia Medical Center and senior medical contributor to Discovery Health Channel, says heart health has become even more of a hot-button issue since former President Bill Clinton's bypass surgery stirred national conversation about heart disease. Oz offers the following six tips for a healthy heart:

1. Break a sweat. Any amount of physical activity lowers LDL, "bad cholesterol;" raises HDL, "good cholesterol;" and decreases inflammation, all of which strengthen the heart. To obtain optimum health, you should get 20 minutes of cardiovascular exercise that increases your heart rate 20 percent at least three times a week.

2. Both fish and nuts are high in omega-3 fatty acids, which reduce triglyceride levels in the blood and stabilize the heartbeat. To get your omega-3 fatty acids ("good fats"), you should eat three

portions of fish per week and an ounce of nuts a day.

3. Get your sleep. Fewer than seven hours of sleep a night increases your arterial aging and risk of heart attack. Try to get at least seven hours of solid, non-interrupted sleep nightly.

4. No smoking. You can't control how genetics affects your heart health, but you can control your lifestyle decisions. Smoking adds to your risk for a heart attack as well as your chance of developing a host of other health-related problems.

5. "De"-stress. According to Discovery Health Channel, stress is the greatest environmental cause of heart disease. Actively working to reduce your stress through relaxation and meditation will keep your heart healthier.

6. Know your numbers. The better they handle you have on important levels in your body, the better you'll be able to measure your risk, predict heart problems and flag danger. Consider these tests and numbers a vital part of your heart health: blood cholesterol test, blood pressure test and physical tests (maximum heart rate and recovery time). To determine your numbers, consult your health care provider.

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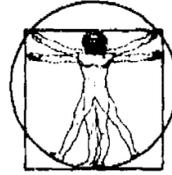
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